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TIGHT VIGIL FOR 72ND REPUBLIC DAY

A member of a bomb squad conducts a security check at Manekshaw Parade Grounds in Bengaluru on Monday, ahead of the Republic Day celebrations | SHRIRAM BN

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Minor face-off on LAC, this time in Naku La

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

HOURS after India and China concluded talks on resolving the months-long stand-off along the Line of Actual Control, reports of another face-off on January 20 between troops on both sides emerged, this time in north Sikkim area.

"There was a minor face-off at Nakula area of North Sikkim on January 20. It was resolved by local commanders as per established protocol," an army officer said, which indicates the entire border with China continues to be hot.

However, the ruling Chinese party's mouthpiece *Global Times* called it fake news. This was the second face-off in over eight months in the same spot at Naku La; the first one happened on May 9.

Monday's meeting of Corps Commanders of both sides went on till 2.30 am on Tuesday. A joint statement issued later stated, "The two sides agreed to push for an early disengagement of the frontline troops. They also agreed to follow the important consensus of their state leaders, maintain the good momentum of dialogue and negotiation.... The two sides agreed to continue their effective efforts in ensuring the restraint of the frontline troops, stabilize and control the situation along the LAC in the Western Sector of the China-India border, and jointly maintain peace."

Galwan warrior Colonel Babu gets Maha Vir Chakra

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

ACKNOWLEDGING the bravery of soldiers who fought against PLA troops in Ladakh's Galwan valley to safeguard India's territory, the Army decided to confer awards on them that are given only during wartime.

Col Bikumalla Santosh Babu, who led the Galwan offensive and laid down his life, has been awarded the Maha Vir Chakra. Six others who were part of the same operation will receive the Vir Chakra. The Maha Vir Chakra was last given during the 1999 Kargil operations. Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was honoured with the Vir Chakra in 2019 for downing a Pakistan F-16 and his fortitude while in enemy territory.

PARVEEN NEGI

2 lakh tractors to roll into Delhi today

- 2 lakh tractors will take part in the kisan parade today, say farmer unions
- Thousands of farmers are ready with tractors at three Delhi borders - Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur
- 500 women, too, are expected to drive tractors
- Tractor march likely to begin at 11.30 am and continue for over 12 hours
- Each tractor can carry a maximum of five persons, including the driver; no overtaking allowed | **P9**

NO TRACTORS IN B'LURU: PANT

- Nearly 20,000 farmers in around 10,000 vehicles may take part in protest
- Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said they will not allow farmers to enter Bengaluru in tractors
- But they can use vehicles, like cars and jeeps | **P4**

> **It has been 60 days since the farmers from Punjab, Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan are protesting near Delhi. Did the country's PM enquire about them?** - NCP supremo Sharad Pawar

Dr Hegde, Kambara get Padma awards

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RENOWNED cardiologist Dr B M Hegde, Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekar Kambara and folk artist Manjamma Jogati are among five from Karnataka to get Padma awards this year, which were announced on Monday.

While Dr Hegde gets the second-highest civilian award of Padma Vibhushan, Kambara gets Padma Bhushan. Jogati, K Y Venkatesh (para-athlete) and Prof Rangasami Lakshminarayana Kashyap (a mathematician) have been awarded Padma Shri.

Dr BM Hegde and Chandrashekar Kambara

Dr Hegde said he is extremely happy with the award. "I got a call on Monday morning asking whether I agree to receive the award and I did." Asked whether he expected it, Dr Hegde, who was conferred with Padma Bhushan in 2010, said many had expected the second-highest civilian award for him.

Kambara said the award is for Kannada Saraswathi. "It is Kannada which got me till here. It gave me Jnanpith and now Padma Bhushan. I might not have got the awards if I had done my literary work in English. I am happy." **P7**

AWARD FOR ABE, SPB

Ex-Japanese PM Shinzo Abe and late singer S P Balasubramaniam will be awarded Padma Vibhushan. Ex-Union minister late Ram Vilas Paswan, late Tarun Gogoi and late Keshubhai Patel will get Padma Bhushan | **P7**

Cabinet 4.0, BSY reshuffles again

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ONCE you start juggling, you have to keep juggling. Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, under sustained pressure from his cabinet colleagues upset with their portfolios, offered fresh proof of that on Monday. A fourth cabinet reshuffle in the last five days, twice on Monday alone.

He carried out the first cabinet expansion and reshuffle on January 21. But as grumbling grew loud from among his ministers, he reshuffled it again on January 22. That too did not stop the ministers from complaining, and he reassigned portfolios on Monday morning. But by evening, there was a new list out. **P4**

EXPRESS READ

Startups pin hope on tax holiday in budget

Bengaluru: Ahead of the Union Budget, startups say a regulatory system should be brought in place to address the tax parity concerns. Incentivising domestic investments and FDI will be the key things to watch out for, they said. **P13**

ALMANAC TODAY
Tuesday: 26/01/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Pausha • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Thrayodashi 11.53 pm
Nakshatra: Ardra 2.24 am • Moon in Kataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST Mostly cloudy
Sunrise 6.46 am
Sunset 6.18 pm
Moonrise 4.08 pm
Moonset 4.31 am

SWACHH MATTERS

Enough funds to set up public toilets: BBMP

City needs at least 236 public loos

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BENGALURU needs at least 236 more public toilets, as per a recent survey conducted by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Janaagraha.

Citizens have also demanded that existing ones be open 24x7 and be well maintained. These were some of the many inputs, which were obtained during a month-long campaign, which started on December 8.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad on Monday said 100-200 more public toilets can be set up. "There is no dearth of funds. Citizens only want two things – good roads and footpaths and proper public facilities like public toilets. We are prioritising places in bus stands where public toilets can be set up. We are also coming up with a contractors maintenance policy for public toilets," he said.

D Randeep, BBMP Special Commissioner, Solid waste management, is in talks with petrol bunk owners and petroleum firms to set up public toilets in fuel stations which can be accessed not only by customers but all citizens.

Members from Indian Medical Association had also conducted a webinar explaining to people the health hazards of public urination during the campaign period.

According to the survey of Yellow Spots Beda and My City My Budget, 3,143 of those surveyed were against public urination, 1,892 against dumping garbage and debris on footpath, 1,549 against broken footpaths, 1,340 people demanded new footpaths, 916 pointed to dirty public toilets and 591 demanded new public toilets.

Most of those who demanded better public toilets and new ones were from the outer zones and wards from Bengaluru. Of these, most of the responses were from Bellandur, followed by Hemmigepura, Bilekahalli, Benniganahalli, Uttarahalli, Vasanthapura, Vijayanagar, HSR Layout, Kadu Malleswara and Vasanth Nagar.

Accidents up on smooth Kanakapura Road

Cops to install pedestrian crossings, rumble strips to put a brake on speeding vehicles

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE freshly laid stretches of Kanakapura Road have created a new problem for the residential area: overspeeding. Following two major accidents in a fortnight, one of which resulted in a death, traffic police have decided to install 23 high-rise pedestrian crossings (HRPC) and 26 rumble strips along a 10-km stretch.

HRPC are scientifically built humps which extend from the pedestrian crossing to the road, ensuring safety for walkers. Rumble strips are a series of small rubber humps installed in close proximity to reduce the speed of a vehicle.

Work is set to begin next week, and letters were recently sent to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and BBMP in this connection.

Inspector M S Hitendra of Kumaraswamy Layout Traffic Police Station told TNIE, "We will install the crossings and strips along a 10-km stretch of Kanakapura Road, from Sarakki Junction to Nice Junction, to deter speeding. The roads are in good condition, which is posing a problem. There were two major accidents in two weeks."

Hitendra said the 4-km stretch of road from Sarakki Signal to Konanakunte Junction comes under BBMP's purview, while the 6-km stretch from Konanakunte Junction to Nice Road comes under BMRCL. "We have written to both organisations, expressing our intent to take up these safety measures. Work will be done only at night, and only on half the road, so that traffic is not blocked" The rumble strips will be located only near U-turns, he said.

Change Makers of Kanakapura Road (CMKR), an organisation of 60-plus resident welfare organisations, is mainly responsible for the improved road. Purushotham Raju, director for Special and Major Projects, CMKR, told TNIE, "We had proposed laying of rumble strips and crossings to BMRCL last May, but they are yet to install them. Following recent accidents, we approached traffic police, who plan to do it now.

BMRCL has assured us that it will be completed by January 31. Vehicle users touch 80-100 kmph, as the road is smooth and without potholes."

Raju said a security guard died while trying to cross on his bicycle from Prestige Falcon end to his workspot.

EXPRESS READ

Don't occupy stall without permission, HC tells Hopcoms

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court on Monday said that the stall constructed for accommodating a Hopcoms outlet inside Cubbon Park should not be occupied without its permission. The high court also restrained Karnataka Government Employees' Association from continuing with further construction in the park. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order after hearing a PIL petition filed by the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association. ENS

ALL FOR A JAB

Students and staff of a medical college take part in an awareness campaign for the Covid-19 vaccination on the eve of Republic Day in Bengaluru on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

MINISTER ACTS

99 to 88 to 100: How a girl's fortune swung

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FROM 99 to 88 to 100 – these are a PU II student's marks after a third revaluation. Officials were pulled up for the lapse after the matter was brought before the Karnataka High Court.Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar in a stern letter to the Director of Pre-University Education and the Principal Secretary of Primary and Secondary Education has sought action against erring officials and for a report in two days.

"Even though the student got justice, officials made a mistake and it cost the confidence of the talented girl in the system. The department is responsible," he said.

H R Dharani, daughter of an agriculturalist from Hosanagar taluk, who secured 99 out of 100 in accountancy, had sought a re-assessment of her marks as she was sure of a 100%. The results were out in July 2020.

The marks were re-totalled to 88. The department allowed for just one revaluation, and Dharani, who had sought the photocopy of her answer sheet, took the matter up with the HC, who in turn gave her a favourable order. The department was made to re-count the marks for a third time. And the third count gave her the desired 100 per cent.

VIGIL STEPPED UP

Search intensifies: Drones, camera traps deployed to trace elusive leopard

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@ Bengaluru

IN a first-of-its-kind move in the city, the Karnataka Forest Department is deploying drones with cameras to search for the leopard that was caught on CCTV cameras strolling around an apartment complex — Song of the South — at N Begur.

They have also installed 10 camera traps covering an area of 50 acres to spot the leopard, to study its present condition and to know in which direction it is moving.

Forest Department officials suspect the leopard to be aged which could be a reason why it has wandered out of its habitat or could be a pregnant female searching for a safe place to deliver her cubs.

While the officials are trying to explain to the citizens that was no need for panic, the residents are in no mood to listen. They are demanding that the leopard be caught immediately and released elsewhere. A cage with a stray dog as bait was also kept near the place where the leopard was sighted on Saturday night. The residents, however, want the dog to be replaced by a goat.

A bait has been set up to capture the leopard | MEGHANA SASTRY

The spot where the leopard was sighted is close to Bannerghatta National Park and officials say the area is home to abandoned quarries and small water bodies ideal for leopards. The apartment complexes in the vicinity do not have proper concrete fencing.

"It is the first time ever drones are being used. People have been staying so close to Bannerghatta National Park and so far there has been no untoward incident. They are scared and so are demanding that the animal be captured. We are examining the drone footage. So far there is no sign of the leopard, no pug marks and no death of any stray dogs. Night teams have also been deployed to perambulate the area. Camera traps have also been installed to get better information of the leopard. We suspect it could be old or pregnant," a forest official said.

The official added that the drones will be used for 2-3 days and camera traps will be kept for at least a week and if there is no sighting then citizens will be made aware and the cameras will be removed.

However until then all precautionary measures will be taken.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

26th January : As you know, I occasionally raise the subject of time travel, partly because its implications for astrologers are pretty immense. I've no idea how you'd cast horoscopes for people travelling back to a time before they were born. Mind you, the 'Grandfather Paradox' means that's impossible anyway! I'll explain tomorrow.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's rush hour as far as the planets are concerned, but the lights are on amber. Whether you choose to go ahead is therefore very much up to you and your own understanding of your unique individual situation. What concerns you, as much as anything, are hidden resentments, especially other people's!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There is still a measure of uncertainty, and confusing developments keep occurring, but there is a positive side to the unfolding drama. Hopefully you're now at the stage at which you can see increasing stability and security emerging from the fog.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Some planets are urging you to move forward. Others are persuading you to stay still. Changes may seem as if they're coming out of the blue, but this is not how astrology works. In fact, everything that happens now relates to developments which took place a month or even a year ago.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your inner tension may be a little more than is healthy. Yet I imagine that, if you try to relax now, you may allow an opportunity to slip through your fingers. That is why you should keep your eye on the ball and check up on every single detail.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are not normally one to doubt your own confidence. Yet I'd like to see you questioning your own priorities, partly because there are fresh discoveries to be made. It's all a question of seeing the world anew, realising how much you have taken for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
What you need now is enough money to get you out of a fix. Frankly, it seems to me that it's about time you enjoyed a spot of luxury, and if your earnings are to increase, it must be soon. Never forget though, that, if you set out to persuade someone that you're in the right, you will almost certainly be successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It may not be time for congratulations just yet, but it soon will be. You'll have something to celebrate over the next few days. Turn your back on the past and resolve to make a completely fresh start. But - and this is a very big 'but' - you must keep a very close watch on all practical developments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Today may not be easy, but there's little you can't handle with your usual skill. You may react to even surprise developments with a sense of deja vu, as if you had known all along what would happen. Life at the moment can be so strange! That's partly because failure turns into success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Only a very negative frame of mind will prevent you from ending the week better off materially and spiritually than when it began. On the other hand, a little optimism will carry you to the stars. There could be a spot of social friction, but only if you fail to keep your commitments.

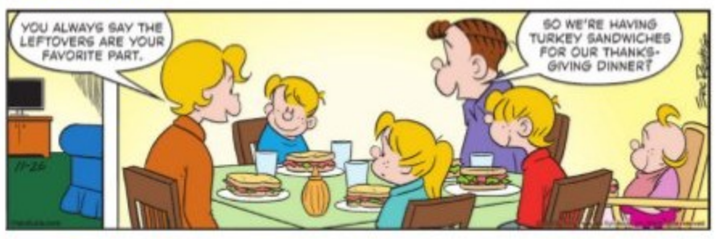
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A victory in one area of life has probably increased the likelihood of delay in another. It's an astrological law, you see, that the universe always returns to a state of balance. Yet right now you might be wondering just when that's going to happen!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Someone special is reaching out to you now. They may come from a different world, one you don't know about, but this doesn't mean that the connection won't become valuable and permanent. Neither does it mean that you won't soon be able to benefit from the contact.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may have squandered a great deal of time on one particular project. Or have you? Wait a while and you'll see how nothing is wasted and that sooner or later your experience and expertise will be highly prized. You've reached a turning-point and I'm sure you'll handle partners with your usual subtlety.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS



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Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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	9			3	2	4		6
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		7				5		
	2				7		9	8
8		3	2	7			4	
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				9			5	7

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	8	5	9	6	4	1	7	3
9	7	4	1	3	5	2	6	8
6	3	1	2	8	7	4	9	5
4	1	8	5	9	6	7	3	2
7	5	6	4	2	3	8	1	9
3	2	9	8	7	1	6	5	4
8	9	7	3	1	2	5	4	6
1	4	3	6	5	8	9	2	7
5	6	2	7	4	9	3	8	1

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TIDOT
NEETV
GHUBOT
TMEENC

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BURLY ADAPT JUSTLY DOMINO
Answer: The horror movie set in the cemetery had a — BURIAL PLOT

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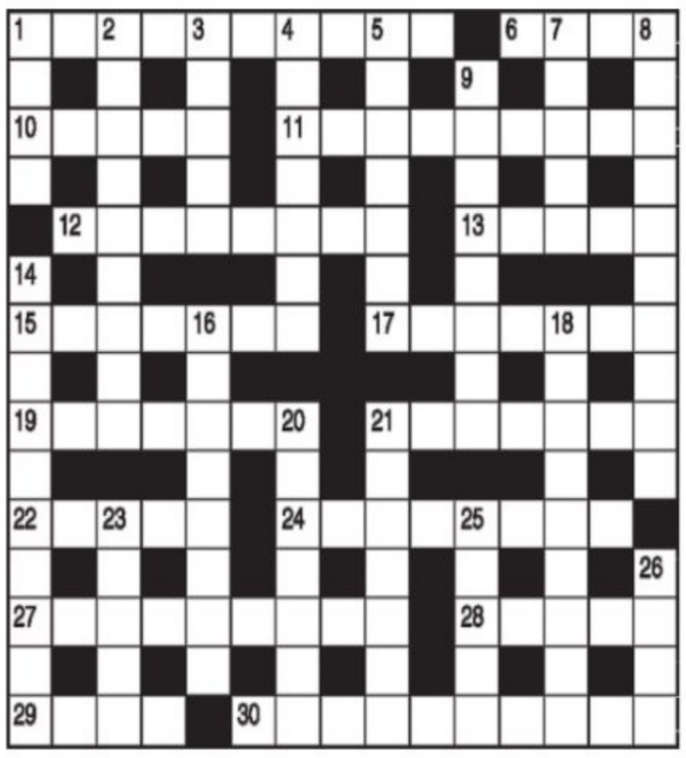
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Ideal valet becomes upset and is relieved (10)
6 Mercury will go down with it - so may people (4)
10 Speed of agency typist with a circular letter (5)
11 A pet's home (3,6)
12 In use can turn into a problem (8)
13 Beat and serve out broth (5)
15 Liven things up in a team perhaps (7)
17 Clear off unruly campers (7)
19 Smoking jackets? (7)
21 Report rewritten about one comic character (7)
22 Cook right on the oven (5)
24 Be able to say who's who I find yet all confused (8)
27 Kind of steak that is rarely served (9)
28 Paul and I cooked a foreign dish (5)
29 An infusion of energy (4)
30 Extend an invitation to sleep on the floor? (7,3)

DOWN

1 A way one takes wine (4)
2 Car may be minus oil note (9)
3 Lois is involved with five big fiddles (5)
4 Notice indicating a go-slow could be at an end (7)
5 Little creatures of high birth (7)
7 A possessive type (5)
8 Consider it's intentional (10)
9 Two trials setting a precedent (4,4)
14 There appears good reason to have fun here (10)
16 Opening for a photographer (8)
18 Left a sheet in one's briefcase (9)
20 Try to make a little yarn go a long way? (4,3)
21 Head's quiet retreat (7)
23 A fateful day for military assistants (5)
25 It's talked about among potato-pickers (5)
26 Diamonds could be made to fit (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Chamois, 5 Caper, 8 Institute, 9 Imp, 10 Fall, 12 Contacts, 14 Earthy, 15 Graphs, 17 Canister, 18 Flea, 21 Set, 22 Magic wand, 24 Skein, 25 Samoyed.

Down: 1 Cliff, 2 Ass, 3 Omit, 4 Stupor, 5 Cheaters, 6 Principal, 7 Repasts, 11 Lorgnette, 13 Chessmen, 14 Excuses, 16 Weighs, 19 Added, 20 Scum, 23 Any.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad, who is also district election commissioner, received 2021 state-level prize, along with other zilla and district level officials for their work in the election process

CoWIN glitches, vaccine fear may delay Phase 2

State needs to cover 56K people a day in 19 days to cover 16L workers

RANJANI MADHAVAN & IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

EACH day since Phase 1 of Covid immunisation was launched on January 16, Karnataka has missed its daily target, suggesting that unless the state picks up the slack, the start of Phase 2, scheduled for February 15, may get delayed.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had announced that 16 lakh health and frontline staff would be given the jab in the first phase.

Completion of Phase 1 has been delayed due to glitches in the CoWIN app and vaccine hesitancy.

Health department figures show that in the first nine days, the average daily achievement of vaccine beneficiaries covered is 31,486 people. However, the average daily target needs to be 56,574 people (calculated by average of daily targets for 9 days).

If the state had vaccinated 56,574 people each day since January 16, it could have covered 16 lakh people in 19 more days.

However, at the current pace, it will take 42 days more to vaccinate all phase 1 workers, and February 15 is only 21 days away, suggesting a possible delay.

Bioethics, global health and health policy researcher Dr Anant Bhan said the government can speed up the process. "First, the government must address the glitches on CoWIN. People need to be told in advance that they will be vaccinated, so that they can turn up, but they are informed at the last minute. Besides, there is a risk attachment of wasting vaccines, wherein vials are open and have to be discarded if people don't turn up. To address this, if staff at session sites see that people haven't turned up, those who missed their appointments could be called so that there is no delay," he said.

Mariyamma, a health worker at KC General Hospital, gets ready for another day of the vaccination drive in Bengaluru on Monday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Experts with experience in implementing large immunisation programmes say better information, education, and communication (IEC) can address vaccine hesitancy.

The government can put up videos on social media of vaccine beneficiaries sharing their experience of taking the shot and being safe, said Dr Ramachandra Bairy, District Health Officer, Dakshina Kannada district. Former deputy director of immunisation in the state, Dr Bairy has experience in carrying out measles and rubella (MR), pentavalent vaccine, polio and rotavirus vaccinations, and Mission Indradhanush, and Intensified Mission Indradhanush.

"Popular doctors must be part of the IEC campaign to remove the fears that people have. For example, in Dakshina Kannada, when leading medical officers or doctors of a health centre refused to take the vaccine, the other staff did not come forward either. The team leader must come forward to get the shot, so that others become confident," Dr Bairy said.

He also pointed out that medical students whose exams are underway, are avoiding the vaccine as they may be in their respective hometowns when the time to take the booster dose arrives. The two doses are to be taken four weeks apart. "They need to be encouraged to take some time to get the second jab and return to their native places, as they cannot take the second dose in another health centre," Dr Bairy said.

Another doctor in the state who was part of the rabies vaccine trials said that apart from fixing CoWIN glitches, awareness about the safety of the vaccine is the only way forward.

JAB FOR THE WARRIOR

I took the Covishield vaccine on January 18. Though I was a little anxious before taking the jab, I took it as I am working as the district surgeon in Kalaburagi Government Hospital. I should become a model to others. There was mild pain after taking the shot, which is usual after any injection. There was mild body pain for 2 days. Now I am fine and attending my duties regularly. Over 4,000 health workers have taken vaccination in Kalaburagi district so far, and only about six people have suffered minor reactions like body pain and dizziness, which is very common after vaccination. Now they are all fine. There is nothing to worry about the vaccine

Dr A S Rudrawadi, district surgeon, Kalaburagi District Government Hospital

It is now six days since I got a Covid vaccine shot. I was looking forward to it for a long time as a frontline corona warrior. There was only mild pain at the injection site, just like any other injection. This vaccine is literally a shot in the arm in our fight against Covid. Doctors have come forward to dispel myths surrounding the world's largest vaccination drive. Friends, wait for your turn, get a shot whenever it comes and join us in this fight. The vaccine is very safe, and has proven its value in providing protection. Even after immunisation, practice social distancing and wear mask to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Join us without fear in this final battle

Dr Arun L Naik, Senior Consultant and Head of Department, Neurosurgery, Apollo Hospitals

Sought nod to vaccinate CM, ministers, actors: Sudhakar

MORE COVAXIN DOSES ARRIVE

Amidst debate about Covaxin being approved while Phase 3 trials are underway, Karnataka has received 1,46,240 more doses of Covaxin. Medical Education and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "The state had earlier received 7,94,500 doses of Covishield and 20,000 doses of Covaxin. Now an additional 1,46,240 doses of Covaxin have arrived."

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, cabinet ministers, actors and religious leaders will likely be part of the second phase of the vaccination drive in the state. Karnataka has requested the Centre to allow these influencers to be vaccinated as this will give a boost to the drive.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "We have requested the Centre to allow vaccinating around 500 popular personalities. This will help them talk about the safety of the vaccine, which will motivate more people to come forward to take the vaccination."

We have not seen any side-effects from any of the vaccines administered till now, though minor effects are common. We should not spread unnecessary rumours

Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

The new strategy is to achieve the vaccination targets as many states, including Karnataka, are falling way behind the set numbers to be vaccinated.

Those who are to be vaccinated will not be allowed to choose between the two existing vaccines --Covershield and Covaxin. This rule applies even for the chief minister, he clarified. "Both the vaccines are safe, and the approvals have been given after their efficacy has been confirmed. We have not seen any side-effects from any of the vaccines administered till now, though minor effects are common. We should not spread unnecessary rumours. More doses of vaccines will arrive when needed," Dr Sudhakar explained.

"Personalities like actors Yash, Darshan, Sudheep and others have an influence over people's mind. We feel that if religious leaders and actors take the vaccine, people even from rural parts will be convinced and come forward to take the vaccine. Mass immunisation is very important," said a health department official.

K'taka first to vaccinate over 2L in Phase 1: Govt

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THE state health department claimed on Monday that Karnataka is the first state in India to immunise over 2 lakh health workers against Covid-19.

By 2 pm on Monday 2,06,577 people had been given the shot and by 8.30pm the figure touched 2,31,169.

The total target, however, was 4,20,274 people in the past 10 days. On Monday, the state was able to meet 55% of the day's target, covering 39,720 people out of the intended 85,439 people.

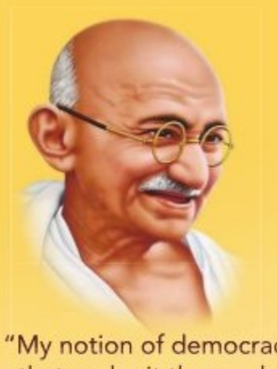
For instance on Monday, Tumakuru had the highest coverage with 71%, followed by Chikkaballapur (66%), Yadgir (66%), Belagavi, Bidar, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada and Vijayapura with 64% each.

No severe Adverse Events following immunisation were reported in the day. Officials updated the number of beneficiaries on the CoWIN database over the weekend.

In Bengaluru, for the second phase, 35,000 people were added including municipal employees and police.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said, "Data is being uploaded and they will be informed of the vaccination date. A survey is also being done to decide where to open more vaccination centres for Phase-2."

Some zones in Bengaluru covered more people, such as South with 47%, East (45%), Mahadevapura (44%), and Yelahanka (41%). There were at least 6,062 private beneficiaries against 1,560 government workers.



"My notion of democracy is that under it the weakest should have the same opportunity as the strongest ."

Father of the Nation
Mahatma Gandhi

"Democracy is not merely a form of Government. It is primarily a mode of associated living, of conjoint communicated experience. It is essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards our fellow men."

Architect of the Indian Constitution
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Shri Vajubhai Vala
Hon'ble Governor

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Social Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

Our Constitution, Our Pride

72nd Republic Day Greetings to all

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Chief Minister

Vijayanagara: The City of Victory
A Tableaux showcased by Karnataka during the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi.

"To protect and respect our varied culture and traditions"
-is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of our Country. Enshrined in the Constitution

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The Karnataka HC on Monday said it is necessary to implement social distancing and mask regulations whenever gatherings or rallies are proposed. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order when a counsel of the petitioner pointed out the protest rally proposed to be held on Tuesday against farm laws

Farmers stage a protest blocking Krishnaraja Boulevard Road in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Farmers get tractors ready, say protest will be peaceful

Top cop says won't allow farmers to enter Bengaluru with tractors

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@Bengaluru

THREATS by police to farmers to stop them from entering Bengaluru in their tractors for the Republic Day protest, is unlikely to deter them from going ahead with the agitation on Tuesday. The Opposition Congress and JDS have extended support to the protest.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Monday said they will not allow farmers to enter Bengaluru in tractors, although they can use other vehicles. "We will go ahead with our peaceful protest as planned, and there is no change in that," farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar said.

Nearly 20,000 farmers in around 10,000 vehicles, including tractors, are likely to take part in the protest, demanding that the Central and state governments repeal the farm laws. The tractor rally will start from Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) on Tumakuru Road and reach Freedom Park, after the Republic Day event attended by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is over.

> *Farmers are coming to Bengaluru to take part in a peaceful protest and not to disturb peace, and our rally will start only after the official celebrations for Republic Day are completed*
>
> **Kodihalli Chandrashekar, farmer leader**

Chandrashekar said if police stop farmers from entering Bengaluru, they would resort to a peaceful protest wherever they are. Urging the State government to allow farmers to hold a peaceful rally in the city, Chandrashekar said the authorities were trying to stop them from entering Bengaluru.

"Farmers are coming to Bengaluru to take part in a peaceful protest and not to disturb peace, and our rally will start only after the official celebrations for Republic Day are completed," he said, warning the government that the farmers would resort to protests in all taluk and district headquarters if they were stopped from holding a peaceful protest in Bengaluru on Republic Day.

"Is it a police raj? When permission has been given in other cities, why are police in our state denying us permission for a peaceful protest?" questioned State Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kuruburu Shanthakumar.

Police seize tractors in Tumakuru

Tumakuru: Raitha Sangha activists tried to drive their tractors to Bengaluru, planning to take part in the rally on Tuesday. However, at Kibbanahalli Cross, the police stopped about 20-25 activists from Thimlapura in Tiptur taluk and seized four tractors. They suggested to the farmers to go by buses. "We are going to stop each and every tractor that pass through our limits, following the orders of the higher-ups", police said.

What is wrong in shutting down APMC yards if farmers get a higher price by selling theirs produce outside? Protests on the outskirts of Delhi and other places were a result of Congress inciting people and no real farmers participated in them. Since the opposition parties have no other issue to attack the Modi government, they are targeting the new farm laws. Farmers should not to fall prey to others' instigation

Jagadish Shettar, Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister

Farmers have failed to understand the importance of farm laws and reforms made by the government. The new laws have opened doors for farmers to sell their produce directly to traders in the open market. It is a progressive law by the BJP government. We are children of farmers and are committed to serving the farming community. We will not do anything that is against their interest

Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Chief Minister

NO POLICE NOD FOR TRACTOR RALLY

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WHILE farmers are getting ready to hold a massive tractor rally in Bengaluru on Tuesday, the police have set up 27 check posts on the outskirts to stop farmers from entering the city.

Reiterating that farmers have not sought permission for the rally, City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Monday told *TNIE* that the police don't have a problem if the farmers come in cars, jeeps or buses, but not tractors. He said that the police will act according to the situation and take action if Covid guidelines are not followed. Nearly 20,000 farmers from different districts, protesting against the new central government's farm laws, are taking out the tractor rally on Tuesday. The city police have made elaborate arrangements.

Ravi D Channananavar, Superintendent of Police, Bengaluru Rural, said, "Based on the instructions of senior police officers, we have put up 27 checkpoints and we are not allowing tractors and bullock carts into the city, considering the traffic and law and order issues. But we are not stopping the farmer rally. KSRP and CAR platoons too have been deployed to control the situation."

Farmers urged the State Government to allow them to hold a peaceful protest in the city. Farmer leaders said that they are not coming to the state capital to disturb the law and order situation, but to protest peacefully. The leaders said that they will coordinate with the police.

Farmers are planning to take out the rally after the Republic Day celebrations and flag hoisting at the Manekshaw Parade Grounds.

Will coordinate with police: Farmer leaders

Farmer leaders said that they will not resort to any violence during the protest, and promised the police that they will keep the number of vehicles and protesters to a minimum. The protest rally will pass through Gurguntepalya, Yeshwanthpur, Malleswaram and Seshadripuram before reaching Freedom Park. The leaders warned the government that massive protests will be held at all taluks and districts if farmers are stopped from coming to Bengaluru.

Police personnel stop a woman from staging a protest in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Route map for farmers

The city police have given the routes for protesting farmers to take on Tuesday:

- Farmers coming from Doddaballapura and Chikkaballapura should pass through Hebbal, Seshadripuram to reach Freedom Park
- Those coming from Kolar and Hosakote should use Tin Factory and Ulsoor Gate route
- Those from Hosur and Sarjapura must go through KH Road and Mysuru Bank Circle
- Those coming from Bannerghatta should use KH Road and Hudson Road
- The public have been requested to use alternative routes to reach their destination

LENDING SUPPORT

Cong warns of jail bharo

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THE Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee has warned that its cadres will ensure the release of tractors, if seized, during the farmers rally planned on January 26. It has further said it will organise a jail bharo if the farmers are arrested. KPCC chief DK Shivakumar said that everyone has the right to express their dissent and that the state government should support the farmers.

The police should not become puppets in the hands of the government and should be judicious in their action as the Supreme Court has not banned farmers' strike, he said.

He also rubbished claims by a few that the tractor rally could cause traffic snarls in the city reasoning that January 26 was a government holiday.

Speaking to reporters after meeting JSS seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami, Shivakumar said that CM B S Yediyurappa was heading a "Congress-BJP government" by pulling the MLAs of the Grand Old Party into BJP's fold.

Asked about the recent cabinet expansion and confusion over portfolio allocation, he said that the BJP government was strong with sufficient numbers and there was no confusion. "All are united and supporting Yediyurappa," he quipped.

Sudhakar to retain health ministry

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BJP sources said that the chief minister consulted the central leadership for each reshuffle.

In the latest list, J C Madhuswamy gets Minor Irrigation, new inductee CP Yogeeshwara Tourism, Ecology and Environment and Anand Singh Infrastructure Development and Haj and Wakf. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who was divested of Medical Education on January 21, will get to retain the portfolio.

Asked if he exerted pressure on the CM to get his pet portfolio back, Dr Sudhakar said, "No, I did not. Who can put pressure on the CM? He is supreme. Considering the large-scale vaccination drive that is being carried out, it would be difficult if the two portfolios are separated. The CM had spoken to me before making the changes."

On reallocation of departments to Madhuswamy and Anand Singh, Dr Sudhakar said the chief minister held prior discussions with them too. In the first reshuffle, Anand Singh, who lost Forest to Arvind Limbavali, got Tourism, Environment and Ecology, Madhuswamy, who lost Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Minor Irrigation, got Medical Education and Kannada and Culture, and K C Narayana Gowda, who lost Municipal Administration, got Youth and Sports, Haj and Wakf.

On January 22, Madhuswamy was given Haj, Wakf and Medical Education, Arvind Limbavali Forest and Kannada and Culture, and Narayana Gowda Youth Sports and Planning, but he lost Haj and Wakf.

On Monday morning, Madhuswamy was given Tourism, Ecology and Environment, but a few hours later, he was reassigned Minor Irrigation, which he had held before the entire exercise of reshuffle began.

EPIC not to be used for any purpose other than voting

Bengaluru: The Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) is only meant to be used while voting, and is not an identification document, Sanjiv Kumar, Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer, said on Monday. "EPIC cards are only meant to be used as proof of document for voter identification during an election. Yet, many people are using it for things such as address verification and in various official forms, and the Commission has received queries seeking validation information," Kumar said while delivering a speech on National Voters' Day and the launch of the E-EPIC app. The Election Commission has received several complaints and many people are involved in scams involving EPIC cards. At many private firms, EPIC cards are being made for verification purposes. This is false and fake, and citizens should not fall into such traps, Kumar said, adding that several cases have been booked against offenders. Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar said that looking at the US elections, people in India thought that elections are very simple and that's why they don't trust the system. "But, people don't realise that a lot of back-end work is done to make it simple. Interested people should intern at the department to see and understand the election process and system," he added. **ENS**

Students click a selfie with sketches of voters' awareness on the occasion of National Voters' Day in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM B N

BJP's next challenge: Revamping core panel

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

MANY senior BJP leaders are eagerly awaiting reconstitution of the state core committee, in the hope of finding a place in the highest decision-making body in Karnataka. The core committee was last reconstituted in July 2016, and many feel it's time for a change, keeping in mind the party organisation, upcoming Zilla Panchayat elections and 2023 assembly polls.

Sources said the central leadership is aware of the need to reconstitute the core committee in order to "cleanse" it, by dropping a few tainted members with cases pending against them, in the backdrop of the demise of former Union minister H N Ananth Kumar. But it is treading a cautious path by delaying the exercise, mainly because it does not want to "disturb Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa at this juncture" and expects a smooth transition of power after two years. Some leaders took up the issue with State in-charge Arun Singh but there was no positive response.

The feeling in Yediyurappa's camp is that the central leadership might be delaying the revamp to further clip the Lingayat strongman's wings, as it cannot afford to annoy him by ignoring his recommendations. During the last reorganisation, the high command had dropped Yediyurappa's close associates Shobha Karandlaje, Basavaraj Bommai and Ravi Kumar, to send a strong political message.

It was believed that National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh had a major say in the selections. Sources said it's a Catch-22 situation and the party's can't rely on the formula adopted in 2016.

Yediyurappa is expected to pitch strongly for his son and vice-president BY Raghavendra, besides Karandlaje and others who are close to him, sources said, as it is his last chance to regain control over party affairs, amid his weakening position.

State BJP spokesperson Capt. Ganesh Karnik said a few members may be incorporated soon, and State unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel and Arun Singh will take a call on it.

Newly-inducted minister R Shankar with MLC A H Vishwanath during a puja at the former's office in Vidhana Soudha on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

IN THE DOCK

'Minister's PA' sought money from me, says sub-registrar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A person claiming to be the Personal Assistant of a senior minister in the state cabinet has been accused by a sub-registrar of demanding money from him.

H S Cheluvaraju, sub-registrar, Sringeri, on Monday alleged that a person who identified himself as a "minister's personal assistant" called him for a meeting during the minister's official visit to Sringeri and demanded money from him.

Cheluvaraju said he could not bring the matter to the minister's notice as the latter left the town soon after his programme. In an audio conversation purportedly between the person claiming to be the minister's PA and the sub-registrar, the person identifying himself as Gangadhar informed Cheluvaraju that the minister was visiting Sringeri and had asked him to come and meet him.

Cheluvaraju alleged that during the meeting, Gangadhar asked him to give "whatever he has brought with him". Cheluvaraju told him that he was an honest officer and told him that he was only carrying some work-related papers.

After the meeting, Cheluvaraju called the man and confronted him. Gangadhar defended himself saying that he was only asking for the papers related to official work and not money.

Industrialist threatens hunger strike if Nirani is not removed

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INDUSTRIALIST Alam Pasha, who made serious criminal allegations against Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani, including forgery and cheating, threatened to launch a hunger strike before Vidhana Soudha if Nirani is not removed from the ministry. He told reporters on Monday that he also fears for his life.

Pasha had on Saturday written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to remove Nirani since he was facing criminal cases. Curiously, Pasha's letter also raised the issue of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, and he asked Modi to remove tainted leaders and bring in clean ones.

Pasha did not speak about the Special Leave Petition (Criminal) No 520/2021 filed by him against Yediyurappa and Nirani, which is now pending before the Supreme Court. He said another case (number 1120/2016) concerning denotification of 20 acres of land where again Nirani and Yediyurappa are accused, is pending before the Karnataka High Court, and is sub-judice.

At the press conference, Pasha spoke of a witch hunt launched against him by Nirani. "Recently, my cell phone was seized by police in a false case, in a conspiracy to involve me. My projects are obstructed by the Murugesh Nirani Group," he said. This harassment had even driven him to the verge of suicide, "like late Siddhartha Hegde of Cafe Coffee Day", Pasha said.

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Alam Pasha, Industrialist

Customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport have caught two flyers from Dubai carrying 166 gram of gold in the form of cut pieces and 12,000 cigarette sticks in their check-in luggage. The value of the items is worth over Rs 13 lakh

AAP KE SEVA MEIN

A clinic set up by the Aam Aadmi Party in Shanthinagar in Bengaluru provides free medical assistance | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Six teams to investigate Hunasodu quarry blast

Suo motu case registered against owner, others of crushing unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

POLICE on Monday formed six teams to investigate the Hunasodu blast that occured last Thursday. They also arrested the owner of the crushing unit and three others, and registered a suo motu case against the accused under IPC, the Explosives Act, and Explosive Substances Act.

Those arrested so far are, B V Sudhakar (57), of Ravindra Nagar, had taken the land on lease and ran the crushing unit; Narasimha (39), of Vinobanagar, was supervisor at the crushing unit; Mumtaz Ahmed (50), of Chalukya Nagar, was manager of the unit; Rasheed, of Jambaraghatta in Bhadravathi, worked at the unit. Land owner Avinash Kulkarni, is yet to be arrested.

The blast site at Hunasodu near Shivamogga | EXPRESS

IGP Eastern Range S Ravi said the explosives were brought from Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh. "We will investigate how they managed to cross the checkposts. We suspect the blast happened while the explosives were being distributed and gelatin sticks may have detonated. Live sticks were found at the blast site. We will continue to search for more explosives in a 2sqkm area," he said.

Praveen acted as agent

The IGP said Praveen acted as an agent in the distribution of explosives to crushing units and quarries. "He had connections with suppliers. Praveen and Manjunath died in the blast with three others from Andhra Pradesh. The body of one person is yet to be identified," he said.

It is suspected that two vehicles exploded in the blast, and police hope to trace the make.

FDA paper leak: KPSC stenographer arrested

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THE Central Crime Branch probing into the FDA question paper leak case, on Monday, arrested a stenographer and seized Rs 46 lakh from her. The accused, Sana Bedi, is the controller of exam division, Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). She allegedly played a key role in leaking the papers. She revealed other names involved in the racket. Efforts are on to track and book them, the police said.

A senior police officer said during the interrogation, Sana confessed that she had access to the question papers and leaked it to Ramesh, who further had transferred them to prime accused Chandru, an inspector with the Commercial Tax Vigilance Squad, and his associate Rachappa. Both were held on January 23 in Ullala near Jnanabharathi. Based on the information provided by them, the CCB arrested Ramesh from his hometown in Bagalkot on Sunday. Sana is the second KPSC staff arrested by CCB, and in total, 16 people have been arrested so far in connection with the case.

AAROGYA SETU

HC stops Centre, NIC from sharing app data

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday restrained the Union government and National Informatics Centre (NIC) from sharing data collected through the Aarogya Setu app with other government authorities and agencies, as per the Aarogya Setu Data Access and Knowledge Sharing Protocol, till further orders.

"Prima facie, we find that sharing and use of the response data, as per the said protocol, will infringe the right to privacy of the users, amounting to violation of rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution," the court said, in the order passed on a PIL filed by Anivar A Aravind, a resident of Cox Town.

IN THE HC

"Prima facie, we hold there is no informed consent of users of Aarogya Setu app taken for sharing of response data as provided in the Aarogya Setu Data Access and Knowledge Sharing Protocol, 2020, as there is no reference to the said protocol in the terms of use and Privacy Policy available on the app", a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty said.

The court said, "Prima facie we hold that informed consent of Aarogya Setu app users is taken to what is provided in the privacy policy available on the app itself, and therefore, there is informed consent of the users, which is limited to collection and manner of collection of information, use of information and retention, as provided in the privacy policy which is available on the app."

The court made it clear that the use and retention of data should remain confined to what is provided in the privacy policy which is available on the app.

After filing an affidavit and documents, it will be open for Union of India and NIC to apply for vacating the limited interim relief granted, the court said.

The court accepted the Centre's assurance that no individuals will be denied benefits of any services that are being provided by the governments, its agencies and instrumentalities on the ground that he has not downloaded and installed app.

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By E_Mail/e-Despatch E_Mail ID : serw_balasore@yahoo.in, Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia, Balasore
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 279 for 2020-21.
O-948 Letter No. 228/WE Date 21.01.2021

1. Name of the work :- **Road works**
2. Total No. of work :- **03** Nos. (Three)
3. Estimated Cost :- **Rs.174.67** lakhs to **Rs 343.61** lakhs (Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'B ' Class, 'A' Class & Special Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion :- **9** (Nine) & 11 (Eleven) Calendar months for the work.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No.-279	27.01.2021 at 11.00 A.M	11.02.2021 Up to 5.00 P.M.	10.02.2021 Up to 5.00 P.M.	12.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Sd/- Er. P. K. Sahoo
Superintending Engineer, R.W. Circle, Balasore. OIPR 25105/11/0014/2021

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
O-949 No. 732 / Date: 22.01.2021
Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS,(Water Supply) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of the Governor of Odisha is engaged in the execution, operation & maintenance of water supply projects to the villages of different districts in the State of Odisha & as part of this endeavour, Government of Odisha has decided to undertake the work as mentioned below (the "Project") in double cover system in ONLINE MODE, & has decided to carry out the bid process for selection of the eligible Contractors to whom the projects under the package may be awarded eventually for construction as well as operation and maintenance for a period of 5 years.

Package No.	Name of work	Bid Identification No	Indicative project cost (Rs. in crore)	Availability of Bid document for online Bidding	
				From	To
Pkg-I	PWS to 03nos GPs(27No. of villages) **under Tarava Block of Sonepur District.**	EIC, RWSS - 20/20-21	16.54	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-II	PWS to 06nos Gps (26No. of villages) **under Binika block of Sonepur District.**	EIC, RWSS - 21/20-21	38.38	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-III	RPWS to 8Nos. of GP(56 nos. of villages) **under Rayagada Block of Rayagada District.**	EIC, RWSS - 22/20-21	41.07	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-IV	RPWS to Arjungaon,Budhipadar & Adj.villages (Raxy & Sarian Gps) **under Narala Block of Kalahandi District.**	EIC, RWSS - 23/20-21	9.60	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-V	Multi GP PWS to 04GPs(Adamunda,Fatkamal,Pastikudi & Nasigaon) **under Kesinga Block of Kalahandi District.**	EIC, RWSS - 24/20-21	19.16	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-VI	RPWS to 7Nos. of GP(47 nos. of villages) **under Rayagada Block of Rayagada District.**	EIC, RWSS - 25/20-21	41.02	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-VII	RPWS to 3Nos. of GP(29 nos. of villages) **under Kolanara Block of Rayagada District.**	EIC, RWSS - 26/20-21	22.99	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-VIII	RPWS to 6Nos. of GP(29 nos. of villages) **under Rayagada Block of Rayagada District.**	EIC, RWSS - 27/20-21	30.88	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021
Pkg-IX	RPWS to 7Nos. of GP(43 nos. of villages) **under Kolanara Block of Rayagada District.**	EIC, RWSS - 28/20-21	35.61	17.00 hrs of 04.02.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.03.2021

Name & address of officer inviting Bid: **Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS Jal "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Ph: 0674-2395734/ 0674-2531533**, e-mail: cerwssodisha@gmail.com, Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **http://tendersodisha.gov.in**
Sd/22.01.2021, Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS OIPR - 25040/11/0013/2021

Cops yet to interrogate MUDA chief

ENS @Bengaluru

THE RR Nagar police, who are probing the dowry harassment and attempt-to-murder case against Mangaluru Urban Development Authority Commissioner G T Dinesh Kumar are still gathering evidence and are yet to interrogate him.

On Friday, Kumar's wife Deepti filed a case against him and his brother's wife alleging that the duo harassed and beat her while demanding that she bring dowry.

A senior police officer said, "We are gathering evidence and arrests will be made soon. Kumar's phone has been switched off for three days and a memo will be issued manually to his residence to appear before the investigation officer."

EXPRESS READ

3 held for robbery

Bengaluru: The Kalasipalya police have arrested three students for allegedly robbing another of his mobile phone and money. The arrested are Hussain Shariff, Afreed Khan and Adnan Pasha, all aged 20. Three more are absconding. Police said that Anurag, a BBA student, had posted an advertisement in a mobile app to sell his phone. The accused contacted him on Saturday and asked him to come near Chickpet Metro station. "When Sharma went there, the accused said they would buy it, but didn't have cash. Claiming their house was nearby, they took him to a building and robbed his phone and ₹20,000," police said. ENS

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ -34/2020-21 (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು & ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರಿಂದ **2020-21** ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಜೆ.ಜೆ.ಎಮ್. ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Document** ನಂತೆ **KW- 1 & KW-2, KW-3, KW-4** ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಿಷಯ : ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕುರಿತು.
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ./ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.&.ನೈ./ವಿಧಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ.2/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ/2020-21/1181 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.12.2020
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3. ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ./ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.&.ನೈ./ವಿಧಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ.2/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ/2020-21/778ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.11.2020

ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದಡಿಯ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಸ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಏವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.
ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ (Calander of Events)
(1) ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಬಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ವೈಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **02.02.2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ** (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03.02.2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ** (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ
ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ: ಅರ್ಹಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತೆ
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ	ವರ್ಗ
1	**Indent No: 28525** Providing FHTC's to 85 Households in TM Tadkod habitation of TM Tadkod village, taluk Dharwad, Dharwad district by Augmentation of SVS to TM Tadkod village (37.20 LPCD)	**50.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ
2	**Indent No: 28419**Providing FHTC's to 77 Households in Naikanahulikatti Habitation of Naikanahulikatti village, of Dharward Taluk, Dharward District by Augmentation of SVS () to Naikanahulikatti village in Dharwad District (40.00 LPCD)	**33.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
3	**Indent No:28492** Providing FHTC's to 83 Households in Madikoppa habitation of Guledkoppa village, taluk Dharwad, Dharwad district by Augmentation of SVS to Madikoppa village (23.00 LPCD)	**22.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ
4	**Indent No:28283**Providing FHTC's to 113 Households in Mavinakoppa Habitation of Mavinakoppa village, of Dharward Taluk, Dharward District by Augmentation of SVS () to a Mavinakoppa village in Dharwad District (40.00 LPCD)	**32.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
5	**Indent No:31797**Providing FHTC's to 52 Households in Ramachandra Nagar Habitation of Halligeri village, of Dharward Taluk, Dharward District by Augmentation of SVS to a T.Ramachandra nagar village in Dharwad District (43.27 LPCD)	**31.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
6	**Indent No:27630**Providing FHTC's to 83 Households in Muttagi habitation of Muttagi village in Kalaghatagi taluk, Dharwad district by Augmentation of SVS to Muttagi village in Dharwad district(40 LPCD)	**75.00**	90 ದಿನಗಳು	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ

ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂತೀಮ ಹೆಸರು, ಟೆಂಡರಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಮುಂತಾದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರ್ಮುಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದು, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಗ್‌ಇನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ, ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. **ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,**
ನಂ.ವಾಸಾಸಂ೦ಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/658/2020-21 **ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.**

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ. ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

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NOTIFICATION
Sub: Submission of application for 10th Annual Convocation of the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot-reg.
The **10th Annual Convocation** of the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot will be held during second fortnight of March 2021. Candidates who have completed all the requirements for award of graduate and post-graduate degrees as on **20.02.2021** are eligible to receive their degrees during the Convocation either **"IN PERSON"** or **"IN ABSENTIA"**.
The Last date for submission of filled in Application is **20.02.2021.** The detailed Convocation Notification, Application form, Fee Challan & other details are available on University website: www.uhsbagalkot.edu.in or **www.uhsbagalkote.karnataka.gov.in.**
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No.TPK/KNP/2020-21 Date: 25-01-2021
NOTIFICATION
Swahchh Bharat Abhiyan is a Clean India drive and and Mission launched as a national campaign by the Indian government to initiate the theme of cleanliness all through the India. This campaign was launched on 2nd October 2014 and is targeted to create a Clean India. One of the main objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is elimination open defection in this regard the Town Panchayat Khanapur is inteded to declare all the wards in the town as open defection Free Plus (ODF+) ward.
Presently Town Panchayat Khanapur is inteded to declare the ward No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 totally 20 wards as open defection free wards in this regard every school in each ward has provided a self declaration of having toilets facilites in the school and at home by each student and the head of the school. Also a sub declartion has also been taken by the Self help groups members in each ward declaring that each resident in the ward has access to and routinely using toilets. Also the same has been approved by the Municipal Council meeting held on 31/12/2020.
In this regards it is hereby invited for any objections/suggestion by the public for declaring the above 20 ward as open defecation free wards. The public are requested to submit their objections/suggestion if any in writing within 13/02/2021 to the The Chief Officer Town Panchayat Khanapur
Chief Officer
Town Panchayat Khanapur

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01.	Number of Work	:	10 nos
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03	Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 102.94 lakh to Rs. 267.44 lakh
04	Period of Completion	:	3 (Three) to 4 (Four) Calendar Months
05	Class of Contractor	:	'B' & 'A' Class
06	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	From 11.00 Hrs. of dt. 28.01.2021 to 17.00 Hrs of 11.02.2021
07	Last date / time of seeking clarification	:	17.00 Hrs of 03.02.2021
08	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	:	17.00 Hrs of 11.02.2021
09	Date & Time of opening of Technical bids	:	At 11.00 Hrs. of 12.02.2021
10	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Sambalpur, Brooks' Hill, Near Stadium, At/Po- Motijharan, Dist-Sambalpur-768 001.

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
Crl. Mis. No. 316/2020
PETITIONER : SRI GANGARAJU -V/S -
RESPONDENT : THE THAHASILDAR, Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the respondent for obtaining the death certificate of Grand mother by name **Ningellamma W/o Late Rangaiah was died on 06.08.1970** at Chowdasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing on **27.01.2021** at 11.00 AM before the Hon'ble Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Nelamangala. You are hereby summoned who are interested in this regard to appear to answer the same. If you failing which the petition will be disposed off an enquiry.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 22.01.2021.

By Order of the Court, Court of the Hon'ble Civil Judge And J.M.F.C at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **TEJARAJA .H.R**
Devanga Beedhi, Nelamangala.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri K.M.Prakash** S/o late Machaiah, Residing at Avalahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Virgonagar Post Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Having purchased the same from its previous owner Sri BalaKrishnan S/o.lateKunhikannal, If anyone having Claim, right over the Schedule Property may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No.77/1, Muted as MR No:5/2008-09 and having its katha No:75,situated at Yadagondanahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural measuring One Acre,And bounded on the:

East by : Road
West by : Property belonging to Papamma
North by : Road
South by : Property belonging to Shankar Kundar

B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No:334,09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038
Mob: 98450 22593

DOCUMENT LOST PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client Dr. Leela Krishnaswamy, W/o M.S. Krishnaswamy residing at No.23, "Sai Krupa" 3rd Main, NTI Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore – 560094, has lost the original

(1) Special Power of Attorney dated 04/03/1985
(2) General Power of Attorney dated 20/12/1995

both executed by Subash.M.Acharya in favour of K.Baburaya Shenoy pertaining to the purchase and sale of the property being Site No.23 NTI ECHS Layout, in Sy. No. 61/1 and 60/4 of Nagashettyhally Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. In this regard, my client has already lodged a Police Complaint online for Loss of Document vide Lost Report No. 014420/2021 dated 25/01/2021.

If anybody finds the aforesaid Original Documents, please hand over to my client above named; please note if anybody enters to make any illegal acts on the basis of the said document, my client is not responsible for the same.

D. SRINVASA, Advocate,
No.4, "Kamala Nilaya",
3rd Cross, Journalist Colony,
J.C. Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 002.
Mob No : 9886047740

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Giridhar Rao, about 37 years, S/o.Sri.K.Mohan Rao, residing at No.29/B, 2nd Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 085, has misplaced/missing the following Original documents :

a. The Sale Deed dt:05-03-1984 executed by sri.Shamanna in favour of Sri.K.Shamarao, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar and Registered as document No.4377/1983-84 in Book-I, Volume 815 at pages from 114 to 118.
b. The Partition Deed dt:14-12-1957 executed by Sri.Muniyellappa and his family members, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar and Registered as document:No.3186/1957-58 in Book-I, Volume 1627 at pages from 75 to 86.
c. The Partition Deed dt:26-04-1973 executed by Smt.Lakshmamma and her family members, Registered as document No.37/1973-74 in Book-I, Volume 2405 at pages from 73 & 74. in respect of the Property bearing Site Nos.20 & 40, situated at Venkateshwara Layout, BTM 1st Stage, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.172 of Madivala, Bangalore, measuring to an extent of East to West : 37 feet and North to South : 80 feet, in all measuring 2960 square feet.

My client has lodged a Complaint before the Bangalore City Police online on 09-12-2020 in respect of missing of Sale Deed dt:05-03-1984, Partition Deeds dt:14-12-1957 & 26-04-1973.

Any person dealing with the property on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/missing Sale Deed dt:09-06-2003 will be doing so at his/her own risks and responsibility.

GAJENDRA.S & RANJANI.S
Advocate,
No 35, 7th cross, Opp. Wilson Garden Police Station, Inside Corporation Market Area, Wilson Garden,
BANGALORE – 560 027.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಟೌನ್, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ. 15, ಜಲಪತಿ ಬೀದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ, 1. ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಗಿರಿಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ. ಬಿ. ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ, ಸುಮಾರು 57 ವರ್ಷ, 2. ಬಿ. ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ ಬಿನ್ ವೈರಪ್ಪ, ಸುಮಾರು 61 ವರ್ಷ, 3. ವೀಣಾ .ಜೆ. ಬಿನ್ ಬಿ. ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ, ಸುಮಾರು 36 ವರ್ಷ, 4. ಮಾಲ ಜೆ. ಬಿನ್ ಬಿ. ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ, ಸುಮಾರು 34 ವರ್ಷ, 5. ಮಹೇಶ್. ಜೆ, ಬಿನ್ ಬಿ. ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ, ಸುಮಾರು 32 ವರ್ಷ, ಆದ ನಮಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗೋಕರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹಳೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 114/1, ಹೊಸ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 114/ಪಿ2, ರಲ್ಲಿ 3 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನು ನಮಗೆ, ಏಕಾರ್ಜಿತ ಸ್ವಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡಲು ನನಗೆ ಅನಾನುಕೂಲ ವಾದುದರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-64, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ರಾಜಾನುಕುಂಟೆ, ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಟೀಜ್ ಒಯಾಸಿಸ್, ವಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಂ. 55 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಮೂರ್ತಿ ರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಸುಮಾರು 57 ವರ್ಷದ ಎನ್. ಶಿವನಾಗೇಶ್ವರರಾವ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.11.2020 ರಂದು ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಕೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಜೆ.ಪಿ.ಎ ನೀಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಎನ್. ಶಿವನಾಗೇಶ್ವರರಾವ್ ರವರು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಸದರಿ ಕೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಜೆ.ಪಿ.ಎ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಲವಾರು ರೀತಿಯ ಕಾನೂನು ಬಾಹಿರ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಮಾಡುತಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ನಾವು ನೀಡಿರುವ ಕೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಜೆ.ಪಿ.ಎ ಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.01.2021 ರಂದು ನೋಟಸ್ ನೀಡಿರದ್ದು ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಆದ ಕಾರಣ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಎನ್. ಶಿವನಾಗೇಶ್ವರರಾವ್ ರವರು ಹೊಂದಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಎನ್. ಶಿವನಾಗೇಶ್ವರರಾವ್ ರವರು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ವನಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಲ್ಲ. ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪೆದ್ಮೂರ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗೋಕರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 114/1, ಹೊಸ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 114/ಪಿ2, ರಲ್ಲಿ 3 ಎಕರೆ ಖಿಷ್ಟಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ.

ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ : ವೈರಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು
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ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ : ಮುನಿಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು
ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ : ಖಿಳ್ಳಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Krishnappa and others** have filed the petition for the death certificate of **Nagarajappa S/o. Late Munishamappa** was died on 10-07-1966 at Majige Beedhi, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Pri Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 01/03/2021** at 11.00 A.M. In **C. Misc. No. 17/2021.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri KRISHNASWAMY, Advocate

ಶುಶ್ರುತಿ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಸಹಕಾರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಯಮಿತ
SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA

#68, Shushruti Nagar, Andhrahalli Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 091.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To, **1. Late Javaraiah** Borrower
2. Late Shivakumar .J S/o Late. Javaraiah Gurantor
3. Sri Gangadhar .H.J S/o Late. Javaraiah -- Legal Heir
4. Smt. Vijayalakshmi .J D/o Late.Javaraiah --- Legal Heir
5. Smt. Bhagya .A.L W/o Late Shivakumar.J Legal Heir
6. Mr. Nanadakumar .B.S S/o Late. Shivakumar.J --- Legal Heir
7. Miss Bindu .B.S D/o Shivakumar.J --- Legal Heir

And all other Legal Heirs of Late. Javaraiah and Late Shivakumar.J

All are residing at No.9/1, New No.23, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore -560003.

We **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA** Bangalore, had at your request granted to you various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance you have created security interest in favour of **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA.**, inter alia, by way of Hypothecation of Movable Properties / Mortgage of Immovable Properties by executing necessary security documents/s agreement/s. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreement/s and document/s entered into by you all with **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreement/ said document/s and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and I the manner as stated in the said agreement/s and document/s. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA** as a Non Performing Asset on 30th March 2008 Consequent to the default committed by you No.1 in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (herein after referred to as the said Act) **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA.** Declares that the aggregate amount of Rs.18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 25th July, 2018 is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA**, hereby call upon you all jointly and severally to pay to **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA** within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum of Rs.18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 25th July, 2018 together with further interest thereon with effect from 26th July, 2018 at the contract rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA**, shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your-risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignments or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA**, shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings / auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

Annexure-I

Sl. No.	A/c No.	Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 25/7/2018 repayable by you
1	Old 302500000116 New 30610000002	Rs. 6,00,000/-	Rs.11,46,145/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Forty Five Only) Together with further interest thereon with effect from 17/6/2017 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
2	Old 302500000122 New 30610000003	Rs. 2,50,000/-	Rs. 6,55,199/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine Only) together with further interest thereon with effect from 17/6/2017 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
	TOTAL	**Rs.8,50,000/-**	**Rs.18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred & Forty Four Only)**

ANNEXURE- II

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing No.9-1, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, Bangalore — 560 003 with an area measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 70 feet and bounded by:

East: Property No.9 of Vishwanath
North : Road and
West : Property No.10 of G.T. Thimmappa
South: Govt. Road.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 25-1-2021

Authorised Officer
Shrushruti Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamita

STATE BANK OF INDIA

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH
2nd Floor, BKG Complex, Mysore Bank Circle, KG Road, Bengaluru – 560 009
Ph: 080-25943765, 25943769, 9448990277 e-mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned dates

The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the Borrowers** : **(1) Sri. Udaya Shimha M.N.** S/o. Sri. M.S.N. Murthy & **(2) Smt. Asha Shimha** W/o. Sri. Udaya Shimha M.N. (address for both) No. 12, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, 5th Block, Kamkya Layout, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 085
Demand Notice date : 04.11.2020
Balance as on that date was : Rs. 26,81,553/- (Rupees twenty six lakhs eighty one thousand five hundred fifty three only) as on 04-11-2020 + interest & expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 21.01.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.27,54,356/-. (Rupees twenty seven lakhs fifty four thousand three hundred fifty six only) as on 21-01-2021 + interest & other expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Two Bed Room Flat No. Fr.F 404, 4th Floor in the Apartment known as "Sumo Krupa Temple View Apartment" with super built up area of 1270 sq.ft. along with 371.88 sq.ft. of undivided share of right, title and interest along with the proportionate share in common areas with one covered car parking space in the basement floor with . Fr.F 404, situated at BBMP Khatha No. 1217/4 & 5 situated at Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli with BBMP limits Ward No. 184, Bengaluru standing in the name of Sri. Udaya Shimha M.N. S/o. Sri. M.S.N. Murthy & Smt. Asha Shimha W/o. Sri. Udaya Shimha M.N. **Bounded by:** East:Remaining portion of same property in Sy.No. 4 & 5,West: 60ft Road, North: Remining portion of land in Sy. No. 4,South: 40ft Road then Remining portion of land in Sy. No. 5.

2. **Name of the Borrower : Sri. Vijay Kumar Shetty** S/o. Sri. Bhaskar Shetty , **Smt. H.M. Vidyarani** W/o. Sri. Vijay Kumar Shetty No. 1/2 , 19th Main Road, J.C. Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru – 560 086
Demand Notice date : 09-07-2019
Balance as on that date was :Rs. 87,61,732/- (Rupees eighty seven lakhs sixty one thousand seven hundred thirty two only) as on as on 09-07-2019+ interest & expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 25.01.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : **Rs.95,66,963/-** (Rupees ninety five lakhs sixty six thousand nine hundred sixty three only) as on 21-01-2021 + interest & other expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: SCHEDULE "A": All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing BDA Site No. 1275, PID No. 073-W0809-101-1, Khatha No. 1061, Situated at 1st "C" Main, 9th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore – 560 072 coming under Ward No. 73, Bangalore Development Authority, Site measuring East to West - 12.19 meters and North to South 9.14 meters totaling to 111.41 Sq.mtrs. and in that RCC roofed house consisting of Ground Floor parking; 1st Floor 7.5 square; 2nd Floor 5.5 square; 3rd Floor 5.5 square; totaling to 18.5 square building standing in the names of Sri. Vijay Kumar Shetty S/o. Sri. Bhaskar Shetty and Smt. H.M. Vidyarani W/o. Sri. Vijay Kumar Shetty. **Bounded by:** East: Road, West: Rain water drainage, North: Property No. 1276, South: Property No. 1274

Date :25.01.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, ARMB, Bengaluru

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My client **Sri M.P VINAY DAS** intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from 1. Sri V. SUBRAMANYA, S/o Venkatachalapathy, No.112, "Gurushree", 1st Floor 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Sarvabowmanagar, Chickkalasandra, Subramanyapura, Bangalore – 560061. And 2. V. NAGENDRA, S/o Venkatachalapathy, No. 171, 8th Phase, 1st Block, J P Nagar, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore – 560062. If any persons, Institution, Bank, Firm,, etc., have got any objections or claim on Schedule Property, the same may be informed to us along with supporting documents, **within 07 days** Otherwise, the sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to an intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Immovable Property Residential Property (Land and Building) bearing No. 1396, SITUATED AT 9TH CROSS, BTM II STAGE, BANGALORE CITY ward No.65 Bangalore Mahanagara Palike assigned PID No.6527-1396 and the land area is measuring East to West: 9.14 meters and North to South: 12.19 meters, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, and the entire property is bounded on as under:

EAST BY : Site No. 1397;
WEST BY : Site No. 1395
NORTH BY : Road
SOUTH BY : Site No.1375.

H.K. SHOBHA, Advocate,
Law Chambers
No.24, Mezzanine Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore-560009.
Mobile No. 9886112141.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client, Sree Surbamanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Nagarbhavi Branch, having its registered office at No:106, R V Road, Vishwehwarapuram, Bangalore and having its branch office at No.27/17, Akshaya Square, Papareddypalya, Ring Road, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560072, is condidering to sanction the housing loan to its member Sri.B G Mohan Kumar, son of Sri.A N Giri Gowda, residing at No:24, fourth main, third cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore – 560 079, on the collateral security of the title deeds of the property bearing Municipal No:24/1 (earlier eastern portion of the property bearing No:24, carved out of land in Sy.No:34/6, of Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore), now situated at Third Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore, Ward No:106 (old ward No:21, still earlier Division No:2), PID No:21-46-24/1, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the East By : Property belonging to Smt. Puttarevamma; West By : Property bearing No:24 belonging to Sri.B G Mohan Kumar; North By : Road; South By : Property belonging to Shankar Gramodyog; Measuring : East to West : 30ft.; North to South : 20ft.; In all ad-measuring 600sq.ft.;

It is informed to my client that Sri.B G Mohan Kumar is not in possession of the following original documents:

i. Sale Deed dt: 20-07-1978, executed by Sri.Batthappa in favour of Sri. H Shivanna, registered as document No:1979/1978-79, Book I, volume 317, pages 213 to 215 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.
ii. Special Notice dt:21-02-1984 vide No:DA(N)16/KTR/208/1983-84/MTR228/1983-84, issued by the Asst. Revenue Officer, North Range, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore;
iii. Special Notice dt:23-12-1996 vide No:DA(SR)/W21/KTR/62/96-97/DAS/RW/21MTR90/96-97, issued by the Asst. Revenue Officer, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore;

In this regard Sri.B G Mohan Kumar has registered complaint with Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police, Bangalore and complaint has been registered online on 16-01-2021 vide Lost Report No:009008/2021;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property on the basis of the missing / lost document, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within seven (7) days hereof, failing which my client Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Op. Bank Ltd., Nagarbhavi Branch, Bangalore, will consider and proceed to sanction loan to Sri.B G Mohan Kumar. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

[N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA]
K S NAYAK; N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070; PH : 9731333880
Dt: 25-01-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **J. AHMED SHARIEF @ ALTAF** S/o Yaqub Sharief @ Janab Sab, No.14, 3rd Cross, B & C Block, Ambedkar Nagar, D. J. Halli, A. C. Post, Bangalore-45, has lost the Original Deed of Absolute Sale dated 05-07-1999, Document No.3256/1999-2000, Book-I, stored in C. D. No.ICD-24, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, along with Old Khata, Old Tax-paid receipts, EC's in respect of Residential Property bearing Khata No.1773/1679/1, (Old No.67/107), Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-45 and he has lodged a complaint with Crime Branch Bangalore City Police vide Lost Article Report No.013950/2021, on Dt:25/01/2021. Any finder may kindly contact and return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

T.M.S.AFZAL AHMED (Advocate)
No.151/1-A, Lal Masjid Complex,
Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051,
Ph: 9845546676

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Sl.No. 2 Name of the work: Yellow aspect Main LED signal, 110V AC Retrofittable in existing CLS Housing and compatible with AC LED ECR as per RDSO Specification No. RDSO/SPN/199/2010 (REV-1.0) or latest (Inspection Agency RDSO-QA) **Closing Date and time: 09.02.2021 at 14.30 hrs.**

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BEFORE THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE, FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C.No.6187/2019

Between: Sri.N.Ganesh ....Petitioner
AND:
Smt. Dhanalakahsmi ....Respondent
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

TO.

Smt. Dhanalakshmi, Aged about 40 years, D/o. Prabhu Matadahalli, W/o N.Ganesh, R/at No.6, 3rd Cross, Mutthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru

Whereas the above named petitioner has instituted the above case against the respondent for decree for divorce of the marriage and such other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before the Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the **15th day of February 2021 at 11.00 a.m.,** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as exparte.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the Court on **18th day of January 2021**

By order of the Court
Sheristedar Family Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioner
No.35, P.S.K. Naidu Road, Cox town
Bangalore-05.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Jayamma, aged about 40 years, W/o Sri Anand, residing at Bilavaradahalli Village, Bannerghatta Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, has misplaced/missing the Original Sale Deed dt:09-06-2003 executed by Mr. K.K. Sheriff in favour of Smt. Jayamma, in respect of the Khaneshumari No.50, Bilavaradahalli Village Gramatana Khata No. 50, Bannerghatta Grama Panchayathi Limits, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring to an extent of East to West : 16 (Sixteen) feet and North to South : 25 (Twenty Five) feet, in all measuring 400 square feet. The said Sale Deed of has been registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal and registered as document No. 2472/2003-2004, stored in C.D No. ANKAD SR 30/2003-2004, dt:30-07-2003. My client has lodged a Complaint before the Bannerghatta Police Station on 08-01-2021 in respect of missing of Sale Deed.

Any person dealing with the property on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/missing Sale Deed dt:09-06-2003 will be doing so at his/her own risks and responsibility.

GAJENDRA .S & RANJANI .S, Advocate
No 35, 7th cross, Opp. Wilson Garden Police Station, inside Corporation Market Area, Wilson Garden, Bangalore – 560 027.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

The General Public are hereby informed that the Original Sale Deed dt. 21.08.1992, executed by Srigandakavalu Vasithiraheethara Sangha in favour of Smt. Akkamma, registered No. 4744/ 1992-93, in Book-I, volume 4813, in pages 68 and 69, in the office of the sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk in respect of Site No.230, out of Sy. Nos. 714, 714/1, 714/2, 714/3, of Srigandakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 ft., and North to South 40 feet and bounded on East by: Site No. 231, West by: Road, North by: Site No.215 and South by: Road is lost by my client and not traced so far and a Police complaint is also lodged in this regard. If any person holding the above document may kindly contact the under signed at the earliest.

GIRISH, Advocate,
No. 29/30, 58th cross, 4th Block,
Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010
Mob: 9845540992. Dt. 25-01-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, my client Mr. Waqar Ahmed R/at No. 149, 16th Main Road, BTM 2nd Stage Bangalore intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. Mangala Das Madathil S/o Late Mr. C. Anadan R/at No. 125 B, Krishnappa Layout, Doddakannelli Sarjapura Road, Bangalore -35 who represents that he is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and which is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

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The Karnataka government informed the High Court that a fine of Rs 50,000 has been imposed on Kannada Chalavali Vatal Party for violation of regulations on December 5, 2020. As the fine has not been paid, an FIR has been registered against Vatal Nagaraj, president of the party

GAME OF BALLOTS

Rahul: Modi leaked info on Balakot airstrike

'Enemies could have accessed texts shared between PM, journo'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacts with farmers in Karur on Monday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Karur

CONGRESS has a very good relationship with the DMK and we accept MK Stalin as our chief ministerial candidate, announced Rahul Gandhi. The national party leader was addressing over thousand farmers at a convention in Karur district on Monday.

Speaking on the 2019 Balakot air strike, Rahul Gandhi told, "Former Defence Minister AK Antony mentioned to me that a mission of this nature is a top-secret operation. And the way these operations are designed, only the Prime Minister, Defence Minister, Home Minister, NSA chief and the Air Force chief are in the loop. Now, the question is who among these five leaked the confidential information to the 'journalist'? And why did he put our Air Force pilots' lives at risk? If the details were available to this 'journalist', and if he texted about this on WhatsApp, then the enemy forces could have also accessed this information. What I want know is why our Prime Minister has not ordered an enquiry into this security lapse. This is high treason."

Gandhi condemned Prime Minister Narendra Modi for enacting the controversial farm laws. He also visited many places on a bullock cart, rode by Karur MP Jothimani. He also posed for selfies with the public and later addressed a press conference at Pallapatti in Aravakurichi.

Speaking on Congress' ties with DMK, he added, "We have huge respect for former chief minister Karunanidhi, and the same respect for his son Stalin. We wholeheartedly accept Stalin as our alliance's chief ministerial candidate."

'Will safeguard Tamil culture, language till my last breath'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday vowed to strive to safeguard the culture, traditions and the language of Tamil people till his last breath. Resuming his campaign tour in Karur on the day, the national party leader received rousing welcomes across the district. "Poet Thiruvalluvar had vast knowledge of the spirit of this State's people. I have started reading Thirukkural, which was written over 2,000 years ago, to understand the Tamil culture more. If only Prime Minister Narendra Modi had read the book, he would have learned to respect you and your culture," Gandhi said during the campaign meeting. Noting that an ideological war was on in the country, Gandhi said, "Modi believes that India should have only one language and one culture.

PWD Minister Namassivayam resigns

PUDUCHERRY: In a major setback to Congress, PWD Minister and former Pradesh Congress Committee president, A Namassivayam, resigned on Monday. The development comes hours after the party suspended Namassivayam from its primary membership, for indulging in anti-party activities — organising meetings and speaking against the party leadership. Reacting to this, CM V Narayanasmay said that the resignation will in no way affect his government.

Sasi to remain in hosp after Jan 27

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

V K Sasikala, former All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) leader and close associate of former Tamil Nadu chief minister late J Jayalalithaa, will be released from judicial custody on January 27 on the completion of her four-year prison sentence in the disproportionate assets (DA) case.

According to sources, her advocate on Monday submitted the papers for her release to the prison authorities. "Though Sasikala will be released from the Bengaluru Central Prison on January 27, she will continue to be in Victoria Hospital until both her Covid tests come negative," said sources.

Sasiskala is being treated for Covid-19 at the Trauma Care Centre (TCC) at Victoria Hospital, where she was shifted on January 21 and an RT-PCR test had confirmed her Covid positive status. As per the treatment protocols, she will undergo a swab test on January 27, which would be seven days since she had tested positive. If her swab test comes negative, she will undergo another one on January 30, which will be the tenth day. "She will be discharged from the hospital If both the tests come negative," said sources.

The Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute on Monday stated, "Sasikala is recovering from Covid-19 and her health condition is stable. She is taking oral food normally and is walking with support. She is being continuously monitored and is being treated as per the standard treatment protocols. Her pulse, BP and respiratory rate is normal. She is receiving oxygen and insulin."

Cong sees sunny side of probe in solar case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

A DAY after the LDF government announced its decision to hand over the probe into the sensational solar case allegedly involving Congress leaders to the CBI, former chief minister Oommen Chandy on Monday seemed to face the challenge head on while questioning the timing and real intention behind the move. The CPM defended the move describing it as a government decision while it seems to have revitalised the Opposition.

"Had the LDF had got any evidence with them to implicate me, do you think they would have just sat on it for the last five years?" asked Chandy, who is expected to contest from Puthuppally constituency for the 12th time. "It's Pinarayi who has to say why he didn't address the grievances of the complainant in the last five years? What steps did he take?" asked the 77-year-old.

NEW MILESTONE

Achieving a major milestone in the ongoing Surface to Air Missile programme, the country on Monday conducted the first test of Akash-New Generation from a mobile platform off Odisha coast, aiming to bolster air defence capabilities | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Walayar girls' mother to go on indefinite fast

PALAKKAD : The mother of the two minor Dalit girls, who were found hanging at their house at Attappalam in Walayar in 2017, will begin an indefinite fast near the Indira Gandhi Stadium here from January 26 demanding action against the police officials who were responsible for the lapses in the probe. Parents of the deceased girls and the Walayar Neethi Samara Samithi have been demanding action against the then DySP M J Sojan and sub-inspector of Walayar police station P C Chacko for allegedly derailing the probe.

Sivasankar gets bail in 2 cases, but 3rd keeps him in jail

KOCHI : M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to the CM, received bail in the cases relating to money laundering and gold smuggling on Monday. While the Kerala High Court granted him bail in the money laundering case registered by ED, the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court (Economic Offences) granted him statutory bail in the gold smuggling case. However, Sivasankar will not be released from jail as the Customs had recorded his arrest in the US Dollar smuggling case last week.

SC dismisses AP's plea to stay panchayat polls

DELHI : The Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with the Andhra Pradesh Election Commissioner's decision to hold panchayat polls during the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination drive as it dismissed the State government's appeal challenging the poll notification. A bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, observed that the appeal illustrated an ego battle between the two authorities, and that the court cannot be a part of it. The bench pulled up the employees of the State poll body for passing resolutions against the commissioner.

19 policemen from K'taka bag service medals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ON the occasion of Republic Day, as many as 19 policemen from the state have been conferred with Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

The following is the list of officers who have been conferred with the medal: Dr A Subramanyeswara Rao, IGP, State Intelligence; BS Nemagowda, SP, ACB, Belagavi; B Ramachandra, DySP, CID, Bengaluru; D Ashoka, DySP, Railway Sub-division, Bengaluru; C Balakrishna, DySP, STF & Vigilance, BDA, Bengaluru; VK Vasudev, DySP, Crime, Chief Officer, Bengaluru; B Puttaswamy, Police Inspector, women police station, Chamarajanagar; S Balachandra Naik, Circle Police Inspector, Chitradurga Rural Circle, Chitradurga; Prakash, Assitant Sub-Inspector, DCRB, Udupi; Eswaraiah H, ASI, State Intelligence, Bengaluru; M Venkatesh, Spl. Assistant Reserve Sub-Inspector (ARSI), 3rd Batallion, KSRP, Bengaluru; Mohanaraju Kuradagi, Spl. ARSI, 4th Batallion, KSRP, Bengaluru; C Venkataswamy, Spl. ARSI, 4th Bn, KSRP, Bengaluru; Shashi Kumar, ARSI, State Intelligence, Bengaluru; KR Jitendra Rai, ARSI, DAR, Kodagu; R Lokesh, Armed Head Constable, DAR, Mysuru; Usman Sab, Head Constable, Tiptur Town police station, Tumakuru; Satheesh KV, HC, CID, Bengaluru and S Prakash, HC, 7th Batallion, KSRP, Mangaluru.

Seven personnel of the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services have been conferred with President's Fire Service Medals.

Suganagouda, Fireman Driver in Ballari Fire Station, has been conferred with Gallantry Medal, while C Basavanna, Deputy Director (Fire Prevention), Head Office, Bengaluru, and Praveen, Assistant Fire Station Officer of Moodabidre fire station in Mangaluru, have been conferred with Distinguished Service Medals.

G Krishnoji, Fire Station Officer of Koppal Fire Station, Yogish P Bangera, Leading Fireman in Moodabidre Fire Station, M Tulasiramappa, Fireman Driver, EPIP Fire Station, Bengaluru, and BR Rajesh, Fireman, Kadri Fire Station in Mangaluru, have been conferred with Meritorious Service Medals.

Andhra couple kills daughters in occult ritual

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Amravati

THE Madanapalle police are investigating the ghastly murder of two daughters allegedly by their parents, which has created a sensation across the state. The police have collected CCTV footage and evidences from the house of the victims in Sivanagar.

V Purushotham Naidu and Padmaja allegedly killed Alekhya (27), who was doing her PG in Bhopal, and their younger daughter Sai Divya (22), a student of KM Music School.

They also seized computers and some other equipment. The police are suspecting the role of others in the brutal murder, which was pre-planned.

After the incident, the police observed the health condition of the parents and have been interrogating them in their house itself. The police found puja material and several photographs of various gods in the house.

The parents had shifted into a new house before lockdown. The police said for performing pujas, Naidu and Padmaja applied for 10 days leave. Three days before the murder, Sai Divya posted suspicious comments as 'Siva is come..work is done' on social media, which has raised eyebrows.

People gather outside the house where the two women were killed by their parents, in Sivanagar on Monday

The parents prepared their two daughters and sent them into a trance, due to which the behaviour of the two daughters changed. Sai Divya tried to commit suicide by jumping from the roof of the building. But her parents, Purushotham Naidu and his wife Padmaja, foiled their daughter's suicide bid. Planning the murder in advance, they started performing various pujas, said sources from the Madanapalle.

Earlier, on Sunday after performing pujas, the couple killed Sai Divya with a trident and then beat Alekhya with a dumbbell after putting a copper cup in her mouth. After killing his daughters, Naidu informed about the murders to one of the college staff, Raju. Upon questioning, Raju told the police about the incident.

PADMA FOR ABE, SPB, PASWAN, GOGOI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

FORMER Union minister late Ram Vilas Paswan, two ex-chief ministers — late Tarun Gogoi of Assam and late Keshubhai Patel of Gujarat — renowned Islamic scholar Kalbe Sadiq and PM Narendra Modi's former principal secretary Nripendra Mishra will be awarded Padma Bhushan, the government said on Monday.

Former Lok Sabha speaker Sumitra Mahajan and singer K S Chithra will also receive this year's Padma Bhushan.

Ex-Japanese PM Shinzo Abe will be among the seven recipients of Padma Vibhushan along with late singer S P Balasubramaniam and ex-director-general of Archaeological Survey of India B B Lal, who was part of the team which found a Hindu temple beneath the now-demolished Babri mosque.

Table tennis player Mouma Das is among the six sportspersons named for Padma Shri, the Union home ministry said.

Boxer Virender Singh, P Anitha, Madhavan Nambiar, Sudha Hari Narayan Singh, and K Y Venkatesh will also be conferred the Padma Shri for their achievement in the field of sports.

A total of 102 people have been named for Padma Shri this year. The list includes billionaire techie Sridhar Vembu, singer Bombay Jayashri, and lyricist Kaithapram Damodaran Namboothiri.

Padma Awards are among the highest civilian awards announced on the eve of the Republic Day every year, will be conferred by the President on 119 people from arts, science, medicine and other fields.

Dr Hegde, motivational speaker too

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DR Belle Monappa Hegde, born in Pangala of Udupi district on August 18, 1938, got an ayurveda degree from Madras, MD from King George Medical College, Lucknow and FRCP from Royal College of Physicians in London. In his long career spanning over 40 years, he has held positions like principal of Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru and vice-chancellor of Manipal University. He was a visiting professor at various reputed medical institutions in different parts of the country and abroad. He was also a member of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission.

Dr Hegde has authored many books in English and Kannada, and is a popular motivational speaker, often educating masses on how doctors fleece patients. He advises people to love one another and to shun hatred, as it helps lead a healthy life. He had challenged many practices and diagnoses of doctors, sometimes leading to controversies.

Manjamma Jogati

K Y Venkatesh

Life of hardship for Jogati

Sixty-four-year-old Manjamma Jogati, the first transwoman to have been appointed chairperson of the Karnataka Janapada Academy, was delighted with the h0nour: "I never even dreamt of getting this prestigious award. I dedicate it to all the Jogatis and people who stood with me all these years. I used to sell idlis, sleep at bus stands and spend nights near farms after performing Jogati Nritya. Now I have been honoured with this award," she said.

Born Manjunath Shetty at Kallukamba village near Ballari, she faced hardships throughout her life. After running away from home when she was 16, she went to Hosapete where she learnt Jogati Nritya. She has trained hundreds of people in the dance art form.

This is the best award: Venkatesh

Former para-athlete K Y Venkatesh has added another feather in his impressive cap as the 4 feet 2 inches man has been conferred with Padma Shri. The small-statured athlete featured in the first-ever Paralympic Athletics World Championship in Germany in 1994. He also starred in the World Dwarf Games in 2005, where he collected an impressive haul of six medals.

The Malleswaram resident, who retired from the sport in 2012, ranks Padma Shri as the best recognition ever. "I am excited and pleased that I will be conferred with such a prestigious award. I may have several accomplishments to my name, including a good number of medals, but Padma Shri is 100 per cent the best award. I am honoured," said Venkatesh, who featured in different sports.

Interestingly, Venkatesh, who has won several medals around the world, had applied for the Padma award in the past. This time, however, he did not as he felt corona warriors would be given this award. "I did not apply, the home ministry gave this award to me on their own. This award is a boost for the sport as the government may call me for various committees and I can inform them about quality para-athletes also," he added.

Prof Kashyap unravels secret of Vedas

Prof Rangasami L Kashyap is an Indian applied mathematician and a professor of electrical engineering at Purdue University. The 82-year-old professor, along with his colleague, has developed an important algorithm in pattern recognition. He has translated four Vedas and written numerous books exploring the hidden meanings behind Vedic mantras.

Prime Minister lauds M'luru boy's pro-farmer model

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @Mangaluru

RAKESH Krishna K, 16, from Bannur in Puttur taluk of Dakshina Kannada, who has been chosen for Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bala Puraskar in the category of innovation, interacted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a virtual platform on Monday. He was one among the five chosen out of 32 awardees from the country to interact with the PM.

The PM was keen to know about Rakesh's innovation 'Seedographer' and its benefits to the farming community. Rakesh said his prototype could help the farming community by drastically cutting down the time and expenditure on labour, besides carrying out sowing in a systematic and effective manner, thereby increasing the harvest. Modi acknowledged his contribution saying: "At such a young age, you have achieved something that astonishes the people."

Rakeshkrishna displays his prototype after his interaction with PM Narendra Modi

10-yr-old from Bengaluru wins Bal Puraskar for board game

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @Bengaluru

TEN-year-old **Veer Kashyap** from Bengaluru, studying in Army Public School, New Delhi, will receive the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2021 for excellence in the field of innovation. He innovated a board game not just to kill his own boredom during lockdown, but to educate and create awareness among others about the situation prevailing in the world.

He named the board game 'Corona Yuga' by designing the infamous coronavirus shape on a cardboard, using materials available at home. He tested his game several times and then posted it on YouTube, where it went viral.

'Corona Yuga' teaches safety guidelines to survive a pandemic by adopting behavioural change, and is dedicated to Covid warriors. The board game reflects the period of quarantine, importance of use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, mask-wearing, among others.

Veer is originally from Delhi, but developed the board game around Covid-19 — which is now available online — during his prolonged lockdown vacation at his paternal grandparents' home in Bengaluru.

EDITORIAL

"Every person I meet is in some way my superior; and in that I can learn of them" — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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NEED TO DEAL WITH LAC FLARE-UPS POLITICALLY OR DIPLOMATICALLY

Hours after the ninth round of corps commander-level talks between India and China got over in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army revealed that there was a minor faceoff between their troops in Naku La , Sikkim, on January 20. Though the issue was resolved by the local commanders, that there was a standoff of sorts even in the harsh Himalayan winter only underlines that the two sides are deeply suspicious of each other. Even a small incident has the potential to lead to a clash, as the bloody Galwan Valley fight showed, unless wiser counsel prevails. In the meantime, as was widely expected, the corps commanders in Ladakh failed to make a breakthrough on the Chinese intrusions from Depsang to the Pangong Tso. Although there is no official word on the talks, it is learnt that India pressed for a phased withdrawal along the entire Line of Actual Control while the Chinese side asked the Indian Army to first pull back from the Kailash Range, where Indian soldiers in a preemptive move occupied several heights in August last year, giving them a tactical advantage as they overlook Chinese garrisons.

It will be hazardous to try and guess when the standoff will end, but it could be safe to say that it is time to take the talks to another level, either diplomatic or political. This is because there is a massive trust deficit between the two armies currently. This can only be bridged if the dispute is viewed from a different perspective. Past precedent shows that the armies are poor at resolving a prolonged standoff as distinct from a clash. While the military commanders are capable of cooling tempers at the lower level following a fight, a dispute is best handled by the diplomats or the political executive. In 2013, there was a three-week standoff in the Depsang area and the corps commanders made little headway in breaking the deadlock. It was only resolved after the joint study group comprising foreign, defence and home secretaries, besides the generals, came into the picture. The Doklam faceoff of 2017 is another example. It's time to ensure the corps commander talks don't go down the path of the farmers, where it has been only *tareekh pe tareekh*.

TACKLING THE THREAT POSED BY LOAN APPS

There are close to a 1,000 unauthorised instant-loan apps available on Google's Play Store. Research conducted by internet activists shows that most of these apps were built in China. While they have been around for the last few years, their notoriety hit the headlines only after the Covid lockdown in 2020, when millions of workers suddenly lost their income. By the end of the year, at least 20 suicides were reported across India, directly related to bullying faced by customers. The accusations ranged from cyber-bullying to data theft, wherein the lender gets access to the borrower's phone book and photo gallery.

While the abusive practices have attracted the attention of regulators, the bigger question is, where do these apps get the money to lend? As most of them originate in China, they do not have any tie-ups with Indian banks or NBFCs, a prerequisite to lend money. Does that mean some banks are flouting norms and KYC processes to lend to these apps? Or is the money coming from abroad, say, China? This is puzzling both internet activists and the RBI alike. Earlier this month, the Enforcement Directorate in Hyderabad launched a probe to check if these apps are involved in money laundering. This is important as the sheer volume of business done by them is huge, with transactions worth a whopping ₹21,000 crore being registered.

While the RBI has put out warnings about such digital micro-lenders and Google has cracked down on a few of the many such apps, not much has been done by either the administration or technology providers to stop or penalise theft of data from consumers. The fact that most of these apps originate in China lends credence to such fears. From WhatsApp and Facebook to Chinese loan apps, the data of Indian customers is flowing freely into foreign hands because of the lack of a robust legislation. Experts are of the opinion that the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, pending in Parliament, is a good start, provided the concerns over government surveillance of citizens can be addressed. However, dealing with cybercrime and data theft requires a more holistic approach, one that integrates the industry, academia and the government.

A US attitude towards China some notches below in causticity and boldness could work either way for Sino-Indian relations

MOVING INTO BIDEN ERA: MANAGING INDIA'S STRATEGIC SECURITY

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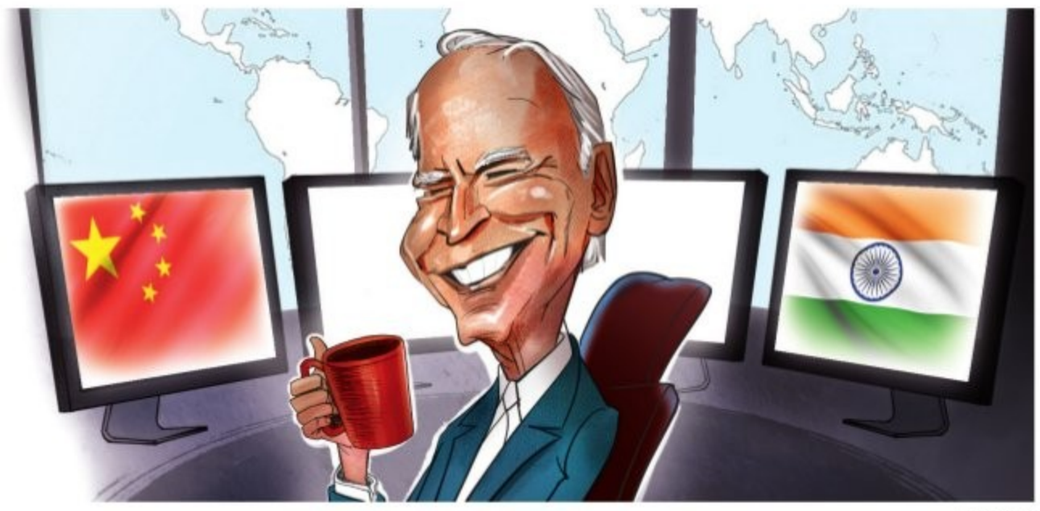

AMIT BANDRE

When Joe Biden was elected as the US President a little over 10 weeks ago, all doubts about major changes in American foreign policy were dismissed on the assumption that in national policies, things do not work that way. However, President Biden's 17 acts of rolling back prominent Trump policies on the very first day could send some awkward signals about the way the new administration may view the outcome of the last four years of US policies. *The New York Times* wrote after the inauguration: "Mr Biden's first actions as president are sharply aimed at sweeping aside former President Donald J Trump's pandemic response, reversing his environmental agenda, tearing down his anti-immigration policies, bolstering the teetering economic recovery and restoring federal efforts to promote diversity". Looking at immigration as one of the policies transcending the internal to external, the recent Trump ban had caused much anguish for Indian visa aspirants. With 21 million jobs lost initially due to the pandemic causing 14.6% unemployment, it is not certain whether Biden's largesse in reversal of the Trump policy is going to result in any immediate benefit for Indian aspirants.

Trump's attitude towards India was supportive but fickle. He gave little leeway on trade but mainly targeted China on issues concerning trade tariffs. Biden's policy cannot be too far stretched from this due to the state of the US economy, especially after the pandemic and the proposed $1.9 trillion stimulus, which cannot be prevented from flowing into the Chinese economy. It is also a fact that internal weakening of the US economy and the social dynamics prevalent in American society due to the deep political divide could prevent Biden from playing any hard options against China on issues such as Taiwan and Hong Kong, affording the latter to either progress on its strategy of coercion or look towards options of dilution after some initial testing. It is good to see the Biden administration displaying a bold intent by refusing to be intimidated by China over Taiwan; the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt* has already entered the South China Sea to promote 'freedom of the seas'. A US attitude towards China some notches below in causticity and boldness could work either way for Sino-Indian relations. China may press home for more strategic advantage or take a back seat in the Himalayas for another day; some signals in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim are making the former evident. More signs will be available by May-June 2021 or so, after some certainty in US policies has been established. Trump accorded a high status to India in his strategic calculus for the Indo Pacific in the containment of China; this was evident from the nature of the 2+2 Dialogue with India at the end of his term. However, it is unlikely that Biden will dilute this in any way as convergence of Indo-US interests has not been disturbed whatsoever by the exit of the Trump administration. A strong strategic relationship will be mutually beneficial if seen in conjunction with a restored US–European alliance, which had taken a beating under Trump on the issue of higher European share of expenditure on NATO, as also the handling of Middle East affairs.

With regard to the Quadrilateral of nations involving Japan, Australia, India and the US, the movement towards realisation of shared concerns and formulation of strategic intent perhaps progressed most expeditiously in the last six months when all constituents perceived a more aggressive China. Will Biden slow that momentum or expedite it? The weightage to Indo Pacific as part of the earlier Obama strategy of Rebalancing and Pivot to Asia would provide continuity even from the Trump era.

China may press home for more strategic advantage or take a back seat in the Himalayas. However, signals from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim indicate that it could be the former

Ties between the US and Pakistan that remained on tenterhooks under Trump are assessed by some as being on the verge of taking off once again. The new US defence secretary, in his confirmation hearing with the American Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has expressed the need for engaging with the Pakistan military. The opinion expressed by him on India is laudatory and conveys the intent of taking the relationship to the next level. For many years, it has been well known that there can be no zero-sum game as far as US relations with India and Pakistan are concerned. During the Trump era, dehyphenation of Pakistan from India became a reality. India's higher international strategic status demands that this continues progressively. Pakistan has in the interim moved closer to China but US-Pak mutual interests have not changed. The US needs Pakistan for its Afghanistan policy, which will contribute towards an eventual final withdrawal. On the other hand, Pakistan needs US support for its economy; the last time a $6 billion IMF loan to Pakistan was enabled by the US. Pakistan's geostrategic location gives it out-of-proportion strategic stakes that it exploits to the hilt. The strength of India's future strategy has to be despite that Pakistani advantage. The US is fully aware of this and of India's significance in the Indo Pacific strategy.

Two other issues are of prime importance for India; the Middle East, which includes the handling of Iran; and India's relationship with Russia. The stabilisation of the Middle East under Trump was a creditable achievement but lacks permanence. Will Biden disturb this artificial stabilisation by attempting to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)? Doing so will undo much of the last four years and a fresh set of dynamics will be triggered. India's interests are primarily the opening of Iran's energy supplies, the rights on development and usage of Chabahar, stability of the Gulf nations where the large Indian diaspora resides and a general absence of violence. A reset of Trump's Middle East policy will prove a difficult decision as Israel's peace with the Arabs resolves one major source of turbulence.

On Russia, India's policy of multilateralism is perhaps being perceived as insufficiently favouring Moscow despite the frequent engagement that takes place between the two countries. The S-400 deal remains contentious in US eyes with no certainty about application of CAATSA. If the world starts to inch towards a likely Cold War between the US and China, India's relationship with Russia is going to prove challenging.

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USHERING IN THE DAWN OF DIVERSIFICATION IN AGRICULTURE

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The farmers' agitating on the Delhi borders are preparing to take out a tractor rally on the Republic Day in the backdrop of a deadlock in negotiations with the Centre over the three farm laws. While the Supreme Court has constituted an expert committee, it is yet to make progress. The current agitation has sparked a debate on the systemic problems plaguing agriculture. Bottlenecks at each stage have contributed to the stagnation of farm incomes.

This is in stark contrast to that of the Netherlands, the second biggest exporter of vegetables. It has achieved this despite its proximity to the Arctic Circle and a higher population density than India. The Dutch balanced the latest technology with market requirements to achieve per acre yields double the global average. The mantra of "twice as much food resources using half as many resources" adopted in 2000 has guided their experience.

One could view the Centre's agenda of doubling farmers' incomes by 2022 similarly. However, this vision will not materialise because our agricultural policy has not yielded the desired results. Moreover, the unintended environmental and health consequences of a policy aimed at maximising wheat and rice production have come to the fore.

In a 2018 report, the Central Groundwater Board stated that 80% of Punjab has overexploited its groundwater resources. Research by ICRIER's Dr Ashok Gulati has shown that over-application of chemical fertilisers due to their artificially low prices has damaged soil health and increased diseases like the blue baby syndrome.

Incentives that heavily subsidise inputs like water, electricity and fertilisers can be traced back to the food shortage era of the 1960s. During that time, farmers from Punjab and Haryana took it upon themselves to turn India into a foodgrain surplus nation. Enabled by input subsidies and an assured market in the form of government procurement at MSP, they tripled India's total food grain output from 82 MMT in FY1961 to 297 MMT in FY2020.

However, now these subsidies have started giving diminishing returns. Farm income has stagnated along with growing health and environmental concerns. For instance, Punjab was the richest state in 1980 but has since fallen to the 13th place in FY2019, behind states like Maharashtra, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. The Punjab Economic Survey 2019-20 says agriculture and allied activities contribute to almost 30% of the Gross State Value Added (GSVA). However, in recent years, the sector's growth has slowed down to just 2.3%. This is due to the falling yields of paddy and wheat.

The Survey notes that agricultural income growth can be kickstarted only by diversifying into high-value commodities like horticulture, pulses, oilseeds and livestock. This will allow farmers to tap into the higher growth in demand for these products and optimise resource usage. The Dalwai Committee found that by shifting from staples to horticulture, farmers can earn an additional income of ₹80,000 per hectare. Farmers in different regions have already witnessed the benefits of diversification into livestock—poultry in Maharashtra, dairy in Moga district of Punjab and shrimp in Andhra Pradesh have all brought prosperity.

Farm diversification will require broad-based policy support. However, as the current agitation shows, the bid will fail if done by fiat. In the absence of judicial safeguards, farmers fear exploitation at the hands of private traders. Further, passing the Bills without building consensus across the political aisle is in stark contrast to the reform method of the past, be it passing the GST in 2017 or the 1991 Budget that was supported by other parties.

The farmer agitation has highlighted many challenges plaguing agriculture. ... Diversification of crops must be the path forward. To convince farmers of the benefit of this will require careful consensus building as well as a diversification package

For the farm diversification policy to be successful, it will need to have three elements—consensus among stakeholders, well-designed incentives and execution support. First, to build consensus, recognise the pivotal role of states. Much of agriculture is a state subject but Central governments of all political hues have actively recommended reforms. This makes it an ideal subject to embody the spirit of cooperative federalism. In its Eighth Report, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture recommended establishing a Committee of State Agriculture Ministers that can create a framework for agri-marketing. The mandate of this Committee can be expanded to develop a diversification policy that incorporates the different priorities and objectives of each state.

Second, roll out incentives to nudge farmers towards diversification. Haryana has made progress with the *Mera Pani, Meri Virasat* scheme where farmers receive ₹7,000 per acre for planting crops like cotton, maize and pulses instead of paddy. This can be enhanced to act as a minimum guarantee for the farmer shifting from a staple. To shield them from price volatility in the market, the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) launched under the PM-ASHA scheme in 2018 can be extended. This gives farmers the difference between the market price and MSP. It has a lower fiscal outlay than government procurement but has higher coverage.

Third, anticipate execution challenges and be proactive with solutions. The foremost is likely to be a lack of information on the benefits of diversification among farmers. Agriculture commentators rarely focus on intangible inputs like information about suitable alternatives, cultivation methods and market conditions. Strengthen the local community integration of the 686 Krishi Vigyan Kendras set up across the country to administer advice and undertake farmer capacity development. Supplement this by setting up a model farm in each gram panchayat that demonstrates modern cultivation practices.

Finally, while these are aimed at strengthening the supplier (the farmer), the demand side must grow as well. A strong agri-processing industry will reduce post-harvest losses and increase value addition for exports, generating lakhs of non-farm jobs in the process.

The farmer agitation has highlighted many challenges. Farmers who have worked hard to provide for food security now face the prospect of stagnating income. Diversification must be the path forward. To convince farmers of the benefit of this will require careful consensus building as well as a diversification package. I have no doubt that with well-designed incentives and execution support, Indian farmers too will be able to double their produce with half the resources, yielding the desired impact on income.

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Konark revamp momentous

The Odisha government's announcement of massive beautification of the Konark site, though belated, is a momentous one (*Enriching the heritage of Odisha*, Jan 25). The CM must monitor the work to turn the lone UNESCO World Heritage Site in the state into a top tourist destination.
Pratap Nayak, Bhubaneswar

Welcome move in AP

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy has flagged off 2,500 mobile units for door delivery of ration supply. This is a great step.
K Nikitha Rachel Melissa, Hyderabad

How is it not sexual assault?

One fails to understand how groping a minor girl's breasts over her clothes doesn't constitute sexual assault under the POCSO Act (*Not sexual assault if no 'skin to skin' contact: HC*, Jan 25). Curiously enough, the verdict has come from a female judge.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Keep following Covid norms

Though vaccines are being administered and proving effective, it's not safe to go without masks yet. Covid norms must still be followed.
Debosmita Bhattacharya, Bengaluru

Well-being of children

India, which strives to be a global leader, has to take stringent measures to improve the well-being of children (*The urgent need to focus on the nation's children*, Jan 25). The future of any country depends on the health and education of its children.
C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Making the rural attractive

To make the rural milieu more attractive, children can perhaps be given knowledge about agriculture-related work (*The decline of rural can be stopped*, Jan 19).
S Praveen, email

Netaji's inclusive vision

The PM's attempt to draw a parallel between Netaji's vision and the work of his government betrays a lack of understanding of the latter's ideals. Modi's Hindutva-driven ideology has left society polarised in sharp contrast to Netaji's vision of an inclusive India.
S K Choudhury, Bengaluru

Invincible Rahane

Team India, under the stewardship of the calm Ajinkya Rahane, did well in Australia. The stand-in skipper lived up to his name and was invincible.
Bellur S Dattatri, Bengaluru

Milestone in Sanju's career

Sanju Samson has been selected as the captain of the Rajasthan Royals. This is going to be a milestone in his career. Expectations are high among Keralites who would love to see Sanju steering the ship.
Manisha S, Palakkad

Battled racial abuse, sledges

Sledges and racial abuse were well dealt with by Rahane's boys. I thank Australia for not changing the venue of the fourth Test. Otherwise the fortress of Gabba would have remained intact.
Anand R Joshi, Hubballi

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
China is expanding occupation into Indian territory. Mr 56" hasn't said the word 'China' for months. Maybe he can start by saying the word 'China'

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Despite Covid, FDI inflows into India grew at fastest rate among top economies. With FDI growth of 13% in 2020, the world is beating a path to India

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
PM Modi refuses, during pandemic, cash transfers to the needy. At the same time his policies permit billionaires to become wealthier by `13 lakh crore

NCP president slams PM Modi for not meeting farmers protesting at Delhi borders; precautions taken against possible plans to disrupt tractor parade in Capital

NCP chief Sharad Pawar with other leaders at a farmers' protest march in Mumbai against new agri laws on Monday | PTI

Guv has time for Kangana, but not farmers: Pawar

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

NCP president and former Union agriculture minister Sharad Pawar on Monday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not talking to the agitating farmers directly.

Addressing a march of farmers in Mumbai, the veteran leader said farmers from Punjab and Haryana have been protesting in Delhi's chilling weather for last 60 days, yet the Prime Minister has no time to speak with them.

"Punjab is not Pakistan. They have protected our land. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana produce and supply ample food grains to us. Why the PM has no time to talk with them? Farmers want to repeal the farm laws but the government remains adamant," he said.

Taking a dig at Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, who went to Goa on the day the farmers planned to meet him, Pawar said the governor has no time to meet the farmers, who walked to Mumbai in protest against the farm laws, but has time to meet actor Kangana Ranaut.

Pawar said a large number of farmers had come in Mumbai to press their demands and planned to submit a charter of demands to the governor. "But the governor has no time for farmers but he has all time for Kangna Ranaut. Farmers are in Mumbai and our governor is in Goa. This must be happening the first time in the history of independent India," the senior politician said.

Ajit Nawale, a farmer leader and the secretary of All India Kisan Sabha, condemned the "arrogant" conduct of governor who "refused" to meet the farmers. "In protest, we tore down the charter that we had planned to submit to the governor. The farmers came to Mumbai from different parts of the state. Many of them walked down all the way. It is unfortunate that no one in the government cares for the farmers who are actually the real backbone of the economy," Nawale said.

However, an official statement from Maharashtra Raj Bhawan said they had already informed the farmer leaders that due to pre-scheduled appointments in Goa on Monday, the governor would not be available to meet them.

Amarinder Singh urges farmers to ensure peaceful tractor rally

CHANDIGARH: On the eve of the scheduled tractor rally of farmers, Punjab CM. Amarinder Singh appealed to the farmers to ensure that the event remains peaceful. The CM urged the Centre to heed to the voice of the farming community in the true spirit of the Indian republic. "Peace has been the hallmark of your (farmers) democratic protests all these months, and should remain integral to your agitation in the days ahead," he said, adding that "the sight of your tractors on Delhi roads will underline the fact that the ethos of the Constitution and the essence of our Republic are inalienable and uncompromisable." Stating that the voice of every section of India's population is being "subjugated", Singh said the celebration of republic would not be complete without acknowledging the contribution of Punjab.

No alternative, Centre must repeal farm laws, says Trinamool

NEW DELHI: The TMC on Monday said the government has no alternative but repeal the farm laws. "The government must introduce a bill and repeal the laws," party leader Derek O'Brien said. Comparing the PM Kisan scheme to the Krishak Bandhu scheme being run in Bengal, he said Krishak Bandhu scheme was more beneficial to the farmers. "Under the Krishak Bandhu scheme, `5,000 is given per acre against the PM Kisan's `1,214 per acre. The Krishak Bandhu covers all farmers, while the PM Kisan is only for farmers with a holding of two hectares or less." He said ahead of the Assembly elections, the BJP has "already lost" the poll battles in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. However, during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Opposition will again have to fight for the "Constitution and the idea of India", he said.

Punjab CM, Harsimrat Kaur flay UP govt over diesel sale ban

CHANDIGARH: Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and former Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal on Monday slammed the UP government for its order to not sell diesel to farmers participating in the tractor rally. "Strongly condemn reports of UP government asking authorities to stop diesel supply to farmers going to Delhi on Republic Day. Such oppressive & intimidatory tactics will only strengthen people's resolve," the CM tweeted. Condemning the UP government, Harsimrat Kaur Badal tweeted: "After water cannons, tear gas, lathis & #NIA cases, now fuel stations in UP ordered not to supply diesel to farmers going for January 26 #TractorMarch. How many hurdles will BJP-led govt put in the way of farmers? Such oppression only makes farmers more resolute about the agitation."

Farmers line up tractors at the Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Monday | PARVEEN NEGI

Protesters erect *machans* to keep a watch on crowd

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE farmers at Delhi borders are employing their time-tested wisdom to ensure that no miscreant creates disturbance at the protest venues.

They have erected *machans* (platform used for observing farmland) at some of the protest sites and are keeping an eye on the movement of people, especially at night. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police stated that they have asked the protest leaders to stay alert.

One of the first such *machan* has come up at Tikri border where a group of farmers are keeping a close watch on the people's movement. A farmer leader Amarjit Singh said they were just employing their field experience. "We make these *machans* in our fields in order to scare away birds and stray animals from destroying our crops. Also, our armed forces make similar platforms to keep a vigil on the borders. On the same lines, these platforms have been erected at our protest sites and the police have also praised our effort."

Meanwhile, sources said that a youngster was caught at Tikri border with a pistol and handed over to the police. Significantly, several farmer leaders have recently alleged there is a "plot" to disrupt their tractor rally on the Republic Day and also a "conspiracy" to kill their four leaders. The farmer leaders claimed they had caught a youth who was allegedly in police uniform and purportedly confessed he was part of a group of 10 people who had been instructed to create disturbance during the tractor rally by opening fire in the air.

The youth had also created disturbance at the Kisan Mahapanchyat of Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar in Karnal. The farmers had handed over the youth to the Haryana Police, but he later claimed that he had made those "false" statements as farmers threatened him.

TOP CIVILIAN AWARDS

PM Narendra Modi hailed the contribution of those conferred with the Padma awards, saying they are exceptional individuals from different walks of life

PADMA VIBHUSHAN

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Covaxin late-stage efficacy result still weeks away

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

COVAXIN, India's first indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine, administered to people in seven more states on Monday, but sources said the efficacy results of the doses from its late-stage trial could still be a few weeks away.

The new states where Bharat Biotech's Covaxin was used, along with Covishield, on Monday included Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and West Bengal.

Till Sunday, only 12 states were using both Covaxin and Serum Institute of India-manufactured Covishield. Last week, Bharat Biotech had said that it had successfully administered second dose Covaxin to 13,000 or half of the total volunteers as part of its ongoing Phase-3 clinical trials of the jab.

The company had completed enrolment of the total 25,800 volunteers for the efficacy trial after it received permission for the sale or distribution of Covaxin for restricted use in emergency situations in the public interest as an abundant precaution, in clinical trial mode, from the DCGI.

The vaccine-maker in the fact sheet on Covaxin, posted in its website, had said the clinical efficacy of the vaccine is yet to be established and is being studied in Phase-3 clinical trial and hence, it is crucial for vaccine recipients even after taking the shots, to maintain all other precautions related to Covid-19 need not be followed.

The government, which has been aggressively campaigning for the prioritised beneficiaries to come forward for the jabs that both the vaccines approved in the country are "safe and efficacious".

PTI

DAY 10 VAX REPORT

3,34,679 beneficiaries

7,171 sessions

348 adverse events

19,50,183 total healthcare workers vaccinated

2,30,119 total vaccinated in Karnataka — India's highest

'Act against rumour mongers'

The central goverment has asked all states and Union Territories to take penal action against those spreading 'misinformation' and 'ill-informed rumours' against Covid-19 vaccines.

Foreign missions invited to join vax drive

NEW DELHI: The government has extended an invitation to foreign missions in India to join the vaccination drive. The MEA has offered the missions to join the drive and urged them to send their reply by January 29.

"India's R&D facilities, manufacturing capacity, foreign collaborations, etc. in the fields of pharmaceuticals, including vaccine production, were highlighted....India is committed to partnering with all interested countries in vaccine-related efforts, in the service of humanity," an MEA statement said.

The vaccine drive in the country began on January 16 and so far, over 19 lakh people have been vaccinated. In December, a group of 50 foreign envoys were taken to the vaccine development facility in Hyderabad to showcase the development programme at Bharat Biotech and Biological.

India has also been briefing foreign envoys all through on its action plans to deal with the pandemic. In November, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla held a meeting with the envoys and gave a detailed presentation on India's response to the crisis. Around 190 heads of diplomatic missions were present in the briefing. India has also been at the forefront of vaccine diplomacy with most neighbouring countries — Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Seychelles, and Mauritius — getting doses as grants. Only Pakistan has not received any vaccines from India as there was no request from the country. Last week commercial supply of vaccines was also approved by the government with Brazil and Morocco getting the doses commercially.

Vaccine to Sri Lanka will be sent later this week. *ENS*

SC seeks govt reply on PIL against media trials

NEW DELHI: At a time when the media is blamed for hate speeches, trials, fake news and violation of the right to privacy, the Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from the Centre, PCI and the NBA on a PIL seeking setting up of a tribunal to adjudicate on complaints against media, channels and networks. A bench headed by CJI S A Bobde took note of the plea which also sought setting up of an independent committee headed by either by a former Chief Justice of India or an apex court judge to review the entire legal framework related to media business regulations and suggest guidelines. Besides the Ministry of I&B, PCI and NBA, the bench also issued notices to NBF and NBSA on the PIL filed jointly by filmmaker, Nilesh Navalakha and civil engineer Nitin Memane.

Five soldiers awarded Vir Chakra posthumously

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THE other six who have been given the Vir Chakra are Nb Sub Nuduram Soren (16 BIHAR), Hav K Palani (81 Field), Hav Tejinder Singh (3 Medium), Naik Deepak Singh (16 Bihar), Sep Gurtej Singh (3 Punjab).

Except for Tejinder Singh, all have been given the award posthumously.

The Vir Chakra series of awards are given for action in the face of enemy all across the Line of Actual Control and Line of Control, whereas the Chakra series of awards are given for actions within and internal security.

Colonel Babu and his unit were deployed at Galwan Valley (eastern Ladakh) and were tasked to establish an observation post, but the Chinese attacked the Indian soldiers.

Colonel Babu and his men fought till the last breath. A total of 20 Indian soldiers were killed in the violent face-off, and all have been conferred with gallantry awards, which include the 14 mentioned in dispatches.

The Kirti Chakra was given to Sub Sanjiv Kumar (4 PARA SF) posthumously.

There are total of 134 Sena Medals for gallantry of which, four have been given the Sena Medals for the second time.

The Indian Navy has also given a gallantry Nav Sena Medal to Commander Gaurav Kumar Saini for a classified operation.

EXPRESS READ

Govt rejects row over Netaji's portrait

A portrait of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose unveiled by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan is that of an actor who played him in a biopic, claimed posts on social media that were rejected by government sources who said the portrait was based on painting of Bose by artist Paresh Maity. President Kovind unveiled portrait on Saturday.

AHEAD OF R-DAY

President remembers Galwan heroes, lauds Covid response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA remains committed to peace, its armed forces are "adequately mobilised" in a "well-coordinated" move to thwart any attempt to undermine national security, President Ram Nath Kovind said on Monday.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 72nd Republic Day, President Kovind also referred to the "expansionist" move by China in Ladakh last year and said valiant soldiers foiled expansionist move on our borders. "Our national interest will be protected at all costs," the President said. Kovind also paid tributes to the 20 Indian soldiers who laid down their lives at Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh, adding that the past year "was a time of adversity, and it came from many fronts."

"We faced an expansionist move on our borders, but our valiant soldiers foiled it. To achieve this objective, 20 of them had to lay down their lives," Kovind said.

He also sought to allay fears of farmers over the three contentious farm laws. "The path of reform at the initial stages may cause misapprehensions but the government is singularly devoted to the farmers' welfare," Kovind said.

He also lauded India's effective response to the Covid-19 pandemic and said this wouldn't have been possible without our Constitutional value of 'fraternity'.

PILOT KILLED

A pilot was killed and another critically injured after Indian Army's Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv crashed after take-off for night training in Army Cantonment in Basohli area of border district of Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday

25 SHANTIES GUTTED IN NARKELDANGA FIRE IN KOLKATA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	12	Mumbai	31	20
Bhopal	23	9	Panaji	32	22
Jaipur	20	7	Patna	18	8
Amritsar	18	4	Lucknow	18	7
Chennai	31	22	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	21	5
Srinagar	2	-6	Chandigarh	18	7

Posthumous gallantry medal for CRPF ASI for bid to stop Pulwama attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

AN assistant sub-inspector of CRPF who died in a blast while chasing an explosive-laden car in Pulwama in February 2019 is among those who will be awarded gallantry medals at the Republic Day function on Tuesday.

He will be among the two who are being honoured with the President's Police Medal for Gallantry.

The other President's Police Medal for Gallantry awardee is Jharkhand police assistant sub-inspector Banua Oraon who died in an anti-Maoist operation in 2018.

Both are being awarded posthumously. Other 900 gallantry and service medal winners include an Inspector General of the Inod-Tibetan Border Police which has been at the forefront of vigil against PLA forces in Ladakh and two Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers who supervised probe into the Hathras gangrape-and-murder case.

> **Lal sensed something suspicious and rushed... He signalled and chased the car to stop, but could not match its speed. Ultimately, finding no other option, he fired towards the suspicious car, but the car rammed onto a CRPF bus, and a huge blast took place** — Citation

On February 14, 2019, ASI Mohan Lal was the picket commander of the road opening party at Lethpora in Pulwama on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. According to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), at about 3.10 pm Lal noticed a civilian car, running alongside the CRPF convoy passing through the area.

"Lal sensed something suspicious and rushed to stop the suspicious vehicle. He signalled and chased the car to stop, but could not match the car's speed. Ultimately, finding no other option, he fired towards the suspicious car to stop, but the car rammed onto a CRPF bus, and a huge blast took place," Lal's citation read. The blast killed 40 CRPF soldiers, including Lal.

ITBP's Inspector General Deepam Seth, who heads the force's Northwest Frontier, is among the 89 recipients of the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. Seth has been part of all Corps Commander-level meetings held between Indian and Chinese forces since June last year in Ladakh.

CBI Joint Directors Sampat Meena and Vineet Vinayak are among six officers from the agency who have been awarded Distinguished Service medals.

Apart from this, 73 personnel from fire services across the country have been awarded Fire Service Medals.

How can you hurt others' feelings, HC asks comedian

Indore bench reserves order on bail pleas of two accused, including Munawar Faruqui

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has reserved orders on the bail application of stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui, who was arrested in Indore on January 2 for allegedly hurting Hindu religious sentiments.

Hearing the bail plea of two of the five accused in the case, including Mumbai-based stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui and Indore-based Nalin Yadav on Monday, the single judge MP High Court (Indore) bench of Justice Rohit Arya questioned: "How can you hurt the feelings of others?"

Six objectors

Besides the prosecution counsel, there were at least six objectors (interventionists) who opposed the bail pleas, submitting that Faruqui has made objectionable remarks about Hindu deities in the past also

Faruqui's counsel submitted that there was no video evidence or material to show that Faruqui had made any comment to deride Hindu deities during the New Year Day show, as alleged in the FIR. While hearing the two bail pleas, Justice Arya also asked the petitioner's counsel whether he would like to withdraw the bail application, but the senior Supreme Court counsel Vivek Tankha responded in the negative and proceeded to make submissions in the matter.

"The HC heard both the bail applications on Monday. Senior Supreme Court advocate Vivek Tankha and I appeared for the bail applicants. We submitted before the court that both the bail applicants did not do any act as has been mentioned in the First Information Report (FIR). It was also submitted before court that the allegations and contents in the FIR are vague. We also submitted before the court that when Munawar Faruqui and Nalin Yadav did not perform any act at the New Year show, then how has the police accused them of performing acts which hurt the religious sentiment," the bail applicants' counsel Anshuman Srivastava said. "After hearing the prosecution and bail applicants, the court has reserved its order on both bail pleas," he added.

Besides the prosecution counsel, there were at least six objectors (interventionists) who opposed the bail pleas, submitting that Faruqui has made objectionable remarks about Hindu deities on multiple occasions in the past also.

Faruqui and others were arrested on January 2 for being part of a New Year Day comedy show on January 1 evening at a popular café in Indore's Chhappan Dukan area. A case was registered against them under various sections of the IPC. The bail pleas of the accused, including Faruqui, have since been rejected by the District Sessions Court.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacting with the Bal Puraskar awardees via video conference in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

VALUE HUMILITY, PM TELLS BRAVEHEARTS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday interacted with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) awardees during which he asked them to take pledge for the country, consistency and humility.

"This year's awards are special as the recipient earned them in the difficult times of Corona," said the prime minister, while acknowledging the role of children in behavior change campaigns like *swachchta* movement. The prime minister also noted the diversity in the fields in which awards have been given this year.

"When a small idea is supported by the right action, results are impressive. The children should believe in action as this interplay of ideas and action will trigger many actions inspiring people for greater things. The children should not to rest on their laurels and they should continue to strive for better results in their lives," he said through video-conference.

The prime minister asked the children to keep three pledges in their mind. "First, pledge of consistency. There should not be any slackening of speed of the action. Second, pledge for the country. If we work for the country and treat every work in terms of the country, than that work will become greater than the self. Thirdly, you should take the pledge of humility. Every success should spur us to be more polite as humility will enable others to celebrate our success with us," he said.

SMALL WONDERS

Here's a look at how some of the 32 awardees staked their claim to glory by being exemplars of innovation, bravery and compassion

Prasiddhi Singh - *Chengalpattu*
The 7-year-old has created many fruit forests and planted thousands of trees

Khushi Chirag Patel - *Ahmedabad*
is a young skating champion. She has won numerous medals at districts and national meets

Kaamya Karthikeyan - *Mumbai*
is a 13-year-old young mountaineer who is on a mission to climb the highest peaks in all continents

Arshiya Das - *Tripura*
A 10-year-old chess master from Tripura. She won an international gold medal and other laurels too

Mohammad Rafey - *Prayagraj*
Is an international gymnast. He has represented India in the Junior Asian Cup, Mongolia

Kunwar Divyansh Singh - *Barabanki*
This 15-year-old UP boy saved his sister and seven children from a bull attack while returning from school

Kameshwar Jagannath Waghmare - *Nanded*
Risked his life to save two boys from drowning in a river

Jyoti Kumari - *Darbhanga*
This 16-year-old from Darbhanga covered 1,200 km on a bicycle with her ailing father during the lockdown from Haryana

Veer Kashyap - *Bengaluru*
This 10-year-old created a game that seeks to keep people home and spread awareness on the pandemic

Rakeshkrishna - *Dakshina Kannada*
The 15-year-old boy worked on an innovative seed sowing machine 'Seedographer'

Hemesh Chadalavada - *Hyderabad*
The 15-year-old worked on a Smart Wristband to help monitor aspects of Alzheimer's disease

Cycle girl rues missing chance to speak with Modi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

MONDAY brought a mixed bag of delight and disappointment for Jyoti Kumari (16), who came to international attention after cycling over 1,200-km to bring her ailing father home to Darbhanga from Haryana during lockdown.

The package of delight was delivered when she received the National Bal Shakti Puruskar-2021 in recognition of her indomitable will in the face of adversity. However, the package was laced with disappointment over not getting a chance to speak with Modi due to paucity of time.

Jyoti, known as the Cycle Girl of Bihar, came from Sirhulli to the Darbhanga DM office to take part in the virtual programme and receive the award that carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a citation.

Darbhanga District Magistrate Thyagarajan SM said it is a matter of pride that Jyoti Kumari has been honoured with the award.

The district administration will extend all help to Jyoti so that she can explore her talent, the District Magistrate said, adding that she has been enrolled in a school.

Jyoti has also been appointed as the brand ambassador of the government's social welfare department to intensify the state's fight against drug abuse.

Contest HC ruling on groping: Child rights body

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has urged the Maharashtra government to appeal against a Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court order which ruled that mere groping is not sexual assault and dropped charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) act in a case.

The order has attracted widespread criticism. The Commission, in its letter to the state chief secretary Sanjay Kumar, said on Monday that prosecution has failed to represent the case of the minor victim properly.

"If the prosecution had made the submissions as per the spirit of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, the accused would have been acquitted from the serious offence against the minor," said the letter.

It added that the remark that "skin to skin with sexual intention without penetration" also needs to be reviewed and the state should take note of this as it seems to be derogatory to the minor victim".

The Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, last week, in a case had said that groping a minor's breast without "skin to skin contact" cannot be termed as "sexual assault" under section 7 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act while clarifying that it will still constitute an offence under section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which pertains to outraging the modesty of a woman.

Go now, never return, says Mamata in ultimatum to wannabe turncoats

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

IRKED by the recent exodus from her party, Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee said on Monday those wanting to shift sides may quit immediately, but TMC's door will be shut for the turncoats after that. She also said BJP should be rechristened 'Bharat Jalao Party'.

Mamata said the defectors joined BJP because they knew they would not be given tickets to contest in the Assembly election. "Those thinking of joining BJP, leave TMC immediately. Remember, if you want to come back, the door of the party will remain closed for you. Looters are taking refuge in BJP with the aim of converting black money into white," she said while addressing a rally in Hooghly district.

Hitting out at the saffron camp, which has emerged as the ruling TMC's major rival in the Assembly election, Mamata said BJP should be rechristened. "BJP is trying to ruin Bengal. They are dividing people on the line of religion. The party should be renamed Bharat Jalao Party," she said.

Referring to *Jai Shri Ram* chants in the presence of Narendra Modi before she could start her speech at a Netaji birth anniversary event in Kolkata two days ago, Mamata said she was insulted in front of the Prime Minister. Describing the episode as political, she accused the saffron camp of insulting Netaji and Bengal's sentiments.

1L paramilitary personnel

Election Commission of India (ECI) is likely to deploy 1 lakh paramilitary personnel, which will be the highest in the history of Bengal polls. The decision follows a 3-day visit of the ECI to Bengal

SC rejects plea on cases against love jihad law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday declined to entertain a transfer petition filed by the UP government seeking transfer of cases pending before Allahabad High Court challenging the ordinance regulating inter-faith marriage and religious conversion, to the top court.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde said that the Supreme Court would like to have the benefit of the judgment of High Court before it goes into the issue.

BATTLE HARDENED

Martyr's widow set to join OTA

VINEET UPADHYAY @Dehradun

A tragedy can break an individual or a family. It can also steel their resolve to fight back. Jyoti Nainwal belongs to the second category.

Widow of a soldier in the Indian Army, she is set to follow in the footsteps of her late husband by joining the Officer's Training Academy in Chennai. Things were very different about three years ago, when Nayak Deepak Nainwal succumbed to injuries suffered during action in Kulgam of J&K. It was May, 2018.

Deepak's death almost broke the family and left Jyoti distraught. After grieving for a while, she decided to take up the mantle of her late husband for the sake of her children. "I told myself Deepak would not want me to be like this. He would like me to face the world bravely. I decided to join the army," said Jyoti, who has a Masters degree in economics.

Crediting the Indian Army, her family and in-laws, Jyoti wants the youth of Uttarakhand to chase their dreams. "Indian Army supported me throughout. I was allowed to take care of my husband for 40 days when he was in hospital. I learnt during this period that Indian Army not only takes care of its brave soldiers but also their families. Deepak told me I had potential to be in the army. My mentors, in-laws and brothers worked with me at every step," said Jyoti, who will join the academy on January 29.

Deepak had taken three bullets while fighting terrorists in Kulgam on April 10, 2018 and died on May 20. Deepak's grandfather Sureshanand Nainwal was a freedom fighter. His father Chakradhar P Nainwal was in the army and fought the 1971 war.

JAIPUR DIARY

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Bid to attract globetrotters with night-sky tourism

Rajasthan's rich history and heritage has been a big draw for tourists across the world. With the Art and Cultural Department introducing Night Sky Tourism, the globetrotters have an added reason to mark it on their itinerary. Launched during a modest ceremony on Thursday night on the lawns of the secretariat, the aim of the programme is ambitious. It seeks to revive and reinvigorate tourism in the wake of the pandemic. "It will provide an opportunity to city-dwellers, students and researchers to observe the night sky through a telescope and other astronomy equipment," says Secretary to Department of Science and Technology Mugdha Sinha. All monuments of importance shall offer the programme.

State roadways bags award for lowest accident rate

Rajasthan Roadways was awarded the Transport Ministers Road Safety Award 2020-21 at a Road Safety Month programme held at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi, for lowest accident rate. The award was given by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to Ravi Soni, Executive Director (Mechanical), Roadways. Rajasthan Roadways has been receiving this award for the lowest accident rate continuously for the last 12 years. It received the award for the first time in 2009-10, and since then Rajasthan Roadways has been receiving this award continuously. This year too, Roadways has been given this award in 4,001 to 7,500 Fleet category. Rajasthan received three out of a total nine road safety awards, and two out of 13 awards for Good Samaritan.

Rafale displays its might during joint exercise

Rafale aircraft demonstrated its capabilities for the first time on January 21 in Jodhpur during a joint exercise of the Indian Air Force and France (Desert Night-21). The exercise was scheduled between January 20 and January 24. Sukhoi and Mirage were also seen in the skies during the exercise. Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat also arrived to witness it. He first met Major General Laurent Harbiette, head of the French team and took a close look at the maneuvers of the pilots. Four Rafale and Sukhoi aircraft flew together from Jodhpur airbase. Four Rafales flew in *trishul* formation till they reached 400 metres, from where they hit their target with precision.

Gehlot's Kerala visit to observe poll readiness

Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot is in Kerala to oversee the poll preparations in the state. He landed there on Friday. He is the party's observer for the poll-bound state. "At Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala airport.. Received a warm welcome", Gehlot tweeted after landing at the airport. During the visit, Gehlot held a meeting with Congress leaders in the state and. Earlier, during the assembly election in Gujrat, Gehlot was made the state in-charge and with his political accumen, he almost took Congress to victory. Since Rahul Gandhi is MP from Wayanad , the Gandhi family has entrusted Gehlot with the responsibility of overseeing the poll preparedness.

ZILLA PANCHAYAT, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION
RAMANAGARA DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

No.42/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/TENDER/AE-3/2415-2426/2020-21 Date: 19.01.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division Ramanagara is Inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Two Cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000. STANDARD BID DOCUMENT-KW-4 for **Construction of MRF Unit in Poulidoddi habitation of Vandaraguppe G.P of Channapatana Taluk** of Ramanagaram District under Swach Bharath Mission (Rural) through e-Procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 118.80 Lakhs**. E.M.D: **Rs. 2,00,000/-**. Period of Contract: **06 Months.**

Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Venue: **25.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.,** 2nd Floor meeting hall, Zilla Panchayat Building, Ramanagara. Last date of submission of Tender: **04.02.2021 upto 4.00 P.M.** Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender: **05.02.2021 at 4.30 P.M. onwards.** Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender: **08.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.**

For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
DIPR/RMN/BRONZE/379/2020-21 **RDWS&S, Division, Ramanagara**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Kalinadi Hydro Electric Project)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. L6W13/T-11/EE(O&M)Kadra/617 Date: 18-01-2021

Abstract Bid Notification
(Through e-procurement portal)

Sealed bids are invited in English in duplicate for the following works from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works. The details of NIT & Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	e-Tender No. & Date	Name of work, Amount Put to Tender & EMD
1	KPCL/2020-21/EL/ WORK_INDENT 10618	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 4 Nos of soft Starters along with new panel for 20HP submersible pumps at Kadra dam audit drainage gallery dewatering system ₹ 9,90,066/- EMD: ₹ 24,752/-
2	KPCL/2020-21/DA/ WORK_INDENT 10720	Supply, Erection and Commissioning of 20Hp Submersible Pump and modification of existing Pipe Line including Erection of Check Valves for Auto Mode Operation at Kadra Power House. ₹ 1,95,873/- EMD: Rs.4,897/-

Tender Processing fee: As per e-procurement norms. **Period of completion:** 03 months from the date of handing over of site. **Last date & time for tender queries & clarifications:**12-02-2021, 16:00:00. **Last date & time for online submission of tenders:** 19-02-2021, 16:00:00. **Date & time of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1):** 22-02-2021, 16:30:00. **Date & time of opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II):** 24-02-2021, 16:30:00. Further details can be had from the office of: The Executive Engineer (O&M), (Kadra), KPCL, Kadra-581396, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka. Phone: 08382-256344 Fax: 08382-256381. Mobile: 9448793583 e-mail:eekadra1kpcl@karnataka.gov.in/ seekadra.kpcl@yahoo.in website: **www.karnatakapower.com**

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mrs. Anitha K.N, Mrs. Anitha K.N, Mr.Keerthi Kumar.B., Mrs.Sarojamma K **(Prospect No. 857244)**	**19-Jan-21 Rs. 3,11,416.00/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Katha no.97, K Shettahalli Srirangapatna Tq Near Canara Bank Mandya, Karnataka

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIF HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office :IIFL HFL #2220, M S S Complex, 1st Floor, 100ft Road, Karnataka Bar Circle,Above Releance Fresh Building,Mandya-571401/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Mandya Date: 26.01.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd

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Andhra Bank | Corporation Bank

Regional Office: 2254, "Koushalya", 3rd Floor, South Wing, Vinoba Road, Mysore - 570 005

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties charged/mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Union Bank Of India (E-AB), No. 193, B Block, J P Nagara, Mysore-570008 Ph: 0821-2372601, 9880641916.

Name & Address of the Borrowers & Guarantor/s	Amount due Rs.
1. **Gurulingappa G Koppa,** Row House, Park Villa No 40 New No.48, Park Villa Vidya Nagar Cross Road, Chikkajala Opp. Venkateshwara Engineering College Bangalore-562157 2. **Savitha G Koppa,** Row House, Park Villa No 40 New No.48 Park Villa Vidya Nagar Cross Road, Chikkajala Opp. Venkateshwara Engineering College Bangalore-562157	Rs. 1,03,19,525/-

All The Part And The Parcel Of The Property Belongs To Mr Gurulingappa G Koppa & Smt Savitha G Koppa: Duplex Row House/Apartment Bearing Villa No 40, Facing Western Side, In The Row Houses Apartment Building Complex Known As Park Villa Built In Survey No 119 Mrasuring To An Extent of 1 Acre 12 Guntas And Sy No 76/21, New No 148, Measuring To An Extent of And 0.12 ¾ Guntas, Situated At Vidyanagara Cross, Chikkajala Hobli, Opp Venkateshwara Engineering College, Bengaluru – 562157 And Measuring 1750 Sqft (Uds) Row House With Plinth Area 3042 Sqft(Sba). **Bounded By**: East: Pvt Property In Sy No 119 Belonging To Appanna, West: Pvt Properity In Sy No 119 Belonging To Anjanappa, North: Property Belonging To Vaddarakullappa, South : Vidhyanagar Main Road.

Date & Time of E-Auction: on 18/02/2021. Reserve Price: Rs. 1,57,50,000/-, Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 15,75,000/-

For detailed terms and condition of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit: please refer to the link provided https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp, https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in//english/ TendelViewAllAuction.aspx

Date: 22-01-2021 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Mysore **Union Bank of India**

Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Hassan Division, Hassan-573201.

No. EE/PWD/HSND/AE-1/2020-21, DATED: 18.01.2021

POSTPONEMENT OF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

This Office **Short Term Tender Notification No: 12/ 2020-21,Dated: 03-10-2020,** for Sl. No.8 work, last date of receipt of tender has been postponed to **29-01-2021,** no other Changes, for more details **visit https:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office through **Phone No.08172-268437** or in person during office hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Publici Worsks Department,
Hassan Division, Hassan.

DIPR/AAPL/Hassan555/2020-21

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIVISION, BELAGAVI.
PH NO.0831-2463850 / FAX NO.0831-2423008

No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE-1/2020-21/341 Date:22-01-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi has invited the item rate TENDER for the 4702/2019-20 through E-Procurement Portal System (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for 04 No. Estimate Amount is Rs.230.00 Lakhs to Rs.320.00 Lakhs . As per Govt. Order No. ಆಇ/675/ಮೆಚ್ಚ-12/2020, Bangaluru, Dated:22-12-2020 as in tender documents instead of EMD amount the contractor should fill the given proforma of EMD Declaration as uploaded in e-procurement and to be upload the same with other documents in e-procurement. The contractor should quote rates for without adding GST. The GST amount will be paid separately. In case of extension period of work, if GST rates are increased then the contractor himself should pay the increased GST amount. The work details can be obtained from 06-02-2021

1. Pre-Bid Meeting date:15-02-2021 Morning 11.00 AM,2. Tender Quaries date:16-02-2021 till Evening 5.30 PM,3. Tender Receipt Last Date:17-02-2021 Evening 4.00 PM,4. Tender Opening Date:18-02-2021 Evening 4.30 PM (if possible), 5. For Tender Details office address:Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi. 6. Web Site Address:wwe.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1171/MCA/2020-21 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi.**

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-4/Tender Notification/2020-21/5800 Date: 11-01-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the 2 works under 4059 & 4216 Head of account Indent No.132400 and 128541/call-2, 2) Estimated Cost: Min Rs, 429.02 Lakhs Max. Rs 445.71 Lakhs, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class I, 4) Tender fees and EMD details : Application fees as per e-procurement EMD Min Rs 6.44 Lakhs & Max. Rs 6.69 Lakhs, 5) Date of Pre-Bid meeting : **11.02.2021 (11.00 Hrs),** 5) Last date for queries: **12.02.2021 (17.30 Hrs),** 6) Last date for submission of tender : **15.02.2021 (16.00 Hrs),** 7) Date of opening of Technical Bid : **16.02.2021 (16.30 Hrs),** 8) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **19.02.2021 (16.30 Hrs),** 9) Address for Enquiries & Clarifications : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 10) website : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIP/Kalaburagi/787/MC&A/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi**

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**Borrower: (1) Mr. N Suresh,** # 612, 27 Main, BTM Second Stage, Singasandra, Bengaluru 560076 **(2) Mr. N Suresh** No.107, Muthoor Village, Sandanapalli Post, Denkanikottai Talloku, Dharmapuri, Tamilnadu 635107 **(3) Mr. N Suresh** Surya Group Designation: Director 612, 27th main, BTM Second Stage, Bannerghata Road, Bengaluru 560076 **(4) Mr. N Suresh,** Flat-302, 3rd Floor, Prime Paradisee Apartment, Plot 1122, Katha No.1745/1122, AECS Layout, Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru 560068 **Co- Borrower: (1) Mrs. Hemavathy Harish Kumar,** 612, 27th Main, BTM Second Stage, Bannerghata Road, Bengaluru 560076 **(2) Mrs. Hemavathy Harish Kumar,** Manjushree Technopack Limited **Designation:** Sales Manager **Department:** Sales & Marketing **Employee No:** 51047 No 60 E & F Hosur Road, Bommasandra Industrial, Jigini, Bommasandra Road, Bengaluru-560099 **(3) Mrs. Hemavathy Harish Kumar,** Flat-302,3rd Floor, Prime Paradisee Apartment, Plot 1122,,Katha No.1745/1122, AECS Layout, Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru- 560068	**Loan A/c No: (1) 626268108 Rs.39,84,730/- (2) 632200845 Rs. 1,91,515/- (3) 632663005 Rs. 5,52,954/- Total Rs. 47,29,199/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on 31.12.2020**	19.01.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential 2 bed room apartment bearing No.302, on the 3rd Floor, of the building known as "PRIME PARADISE", having a super built up area of 1090 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking space in the Basement Floor with proportionate share of 230 sq. feet of undivided share, right title in the land on which the building is constructed which is situated on the land/property bearing Site No.1122, A Block AECS Layout situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.
2	**Borrower: (1) Mr. Venkatesh A,** No.170, 3rd Main 11th A Cross, Prashanth Nagar, Basaveshwara Nagar, Opp Karnataka Bank, Bengaluru 560079 **(2) Mr. Venkatesh A** Charvi Landscape & Services **Designation:** Manager **Designation:** Construction **Employee No.:** Cg0002 No 2095, 3rd Floor, 5th Main, 9th Cross, Vijaya Nagar, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560040 **(3) Mr. Venkatesh A** Plot 130-A, Assessment No.63/3, Khatha No.958, Srigandakaval, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore-560091	**Loan A/c No: (1) 636531869 Rs. 24,42,140/- (2) 640199966 Rs. 88,495/- Total Rs.25,30,635/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Only) as on 30.11.2020**	12.01.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.08.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential Site No.130A, Assessment No.63/3, Katha No. 958, Situated at Srigandakaval, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.73 (BBMP Katha No.63/3), measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 34, and constructions thereon, bounded as follows: East by : Road. West by: Others Property, North by: Others Property, South by: Property No.130.
3	**Borrower: (1) Mr. Kiran Prasad N,** No 222, 6th Main, Railway Layout, Ulla Road, Bengaluru 560056 **(2) Mr. Kiran Prasad N,** #12(152/5), Manganahalli Cross, Basthi Main Road, Ullal Village, Upnagar Post, Bangalore 560056 **(3) Mr. Kiran Prasad N** DIQU Tech Private Limited **Designation:** Manager Technical **Designation:** Technical **Employee No.:** 03 No 164/8, Sri Kamal Kariappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004 **(4) Mr. Kiran Prasad N,** Flat No-3094, Block VIII, 2nd Floor, Janapriya Township Apartment, S No 10/1, Tavarekere (Magadi Road), Kadabagere Post, Bengaluru 562130.	**Loan A/c No: 615113554 Rs.7,91,010/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Ten Only) as on 30.11.2020**	12.01.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.07.2020	**Schedule - "A":** All that proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 133.96 Sq.ft or 12.46 Sq.mtrs out of land admeasuring26990 Sq.ft or 2511 Sq.mtrs covered by Block Nos.II, V and VIII, in Survey No.10/1, Situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk in Janapriya Township and bounded by: North by : Road, South by : Road, East by : Open Space for setback, West by : Open space for park. **Schedule - "B" :** All that Super Built - up area of 600 Sq.ft or 55.74 Sq.mtrs (inclusive common Service Area and balcony area) of Flat No.3094, in Block No.VIII in Survey No.10/1, Situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk in Janapriya Township, Kadabagere Village Panchayath vide katha from No.150200201400200950, Panchayath Property No.688/66/3094 and Bounded by: North by : Flat No.3091, South by : Flat No.3095, East by: Passage to Staircase, West by : Open to Sky.
4	**Borrower: (1) Mr. Manish Kumar Suman,** No 20/701, Block-A, 6th Floor, Ramana Jyothi Apartment, Yeshwantpur II Phase, Tumkur Road, Next to KLE Dental College, Goreguntapalya, Bangalore- 560022 **(2) Mr. Manish Kumar Suman** ABB LTD. **Designation:** Project Manager **Designation:** PA-PP **Employee No.: 40020648** Plot Nos.5 & 6, II Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, P.B.No.5806, Peenya, Bengaluru 560058	**Loan A/c No: 603053562 Rs.21,96,757/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on 31.12.2020**	13.01.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 29.02.2020	Schedule – 'A' :All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing Site No.20, Situated at Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur 2nd Stage, Tumkur Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 91'2" feet, North to South: 145'5 feet in total measuring 13250 Square Feet and bounded on the: East by : Portion of Site No.20, West by : 4th Main Road, North by : Service Road, South by : Portion of Site No.20. **Schedule – 'B':** 1. 216 Square Feet undivided right and interest in the Schedule- A property mentioned above. 2. Residential two bed room flat measuring 969.04 sq. feet, bearing No.701, having PID No.11-50-20/A-701 on the Sixth Floor of the Block A of the building, 'RAMANA JYOTHI', constructed on the Schedule 'A' property along with common usages.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 26.01.2021 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **HDFC Ltd., Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

ANJU BOBBY SPORTS FOUNDATION
B12, GoodEarth Orchard, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060

TENDER NOTICE

The Chairperson of **Anju Bobby Sports Foundation** (ABSF) invites item rate tenders in two-bid system from specialised Indian agencies for the following work.

NIT No: ABSF-20-21/001. Construction of **400 metre 8 lane Sandwich Type Synthetic Athletics Track** (World Athletics Class II certified, Class 1 category field tested) for Anju Bobby Sports Foundation at Sy.No 92, Kambipura, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560074.

Estimated Tender Value: INR. 5,25,00,000 (Rupees Five Crores Twenty Five Lacs Only). **Last Date** for Submission of Technical & Price bid: **3:00pm, 16th Feb 2021.**

Tender documents can be obtained from the Operations Office of ABSF at **Confluence Club**, GoodEarth Malhar, Kambipura, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560074 between 10am to 5pm on weekdays upon payment of INR. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) in Demand Draft or bankers Cheque in favour of "Anju Bobby Sports Foundation".

Email: anjubobbysf@gmail.com | Phone: +91-72594-36280

Government of Tamilnadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
District Rural Development Agency, Virudhunagar.

e-TENDER NOTICE No.C6/2952/2020 Dated : 25.01.2021

FORM OF CONTRACT : ITEM RATE

1.For details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**

2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar District invites e-Bids for the Construction of New Panchayat Union Office Building for Virudhunagar Block in Virudhunagar District under Scheme Component of Pooled Assigned Revenue for the year 2020-21, under two cover system .

3. The package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **26.01.2021 to 26.02.2021.**

4.Common date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:

1.	Last Date and Time for downloading and online Submission of Bid Documents	**26.02.2021 upto 15.00 Hours**
2.	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	**26.02.2021, 16.00 Hours onwards**

DIPR.518/TENDER/2021 **Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar.**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Enquiry No. 1274/O&M/PC-2189 Dated: 21-01-2021
Short Description : Procurement of MS ERW Pipes and Fittings etc.
Quantity = As per NIT.

Last date & time for downloading of documents **25-02-2021** up to 11.30 AM.
Last date & time for receipt of e-tenders **25-02-2021** up to 11.30 AM.
Last date & time for opening of e-tenders **04-03-2021** at 12.00 Noon.

Tender Specification can only be downloaded from website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** Details regarding E-Tendering is available on website www.pspcl.in.

Note:- In case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender, the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office (Intending Officer - 96461-17731) and/or M/s GePNIC Contact number 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284, 0120-4001002 well in time. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.

Note: It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

30/GHTP-03-21-24/01/2021 **Superintending Engineer /HQ,**
76155/12/54/2021/1037 **For Chief Engineer / O&M, GHTP, LehraMohabbat.**

KARNATAKA JANAPADA PARISHATH
Janapada Siribhuvana, No.1, Jaladarshini Layout,
New BEL Road, Bangalore-560 054. Ph: 080 23605033
Email: jaanapadaloka@gmail.com Web: www.janapadaloka.in

No. KJP/210/2020-21 Date: 25-01-2021

TENDER NOTICE
(Short Term Tender)

Short term Tender has been invited for the **renovation of Main Gate and front compound wall** for **Karnataka Janapada Parishath at "Janapada Loka"** situated between Ramananagar and Channapattana along Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway. The details of tender may be viewed from the above mentioned office website or obtained from the above office on working hours **from 24-01-2021 to 10-02-2021. Last date of submission of tender is before 16-00 hrs on 15-02-2021.**

Sd/- Chairman,
Karnataka Janapada Parishath,
Bengaluru.

HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS & CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

SRI BANASHANKARI TEMPLE
S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bangalore - 70. Ph : 080-2671 4989,.
E-mail: sribanashankaritemple@gmail.com

B.S.T.3/CR.28/2018-19 Date : 25.01.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (through E-procurement portal))

Tenders are invited for above detailed total 06 tenders through e-procurement portal. Interested persons may obtain the details from the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further information contact above addressed office.

Sl. No	Details of Tender	Tender Number	Date of Tender Submission Date in Online		Date of Tender Opening in Online
			From	To	
1	Supply of Banana & Coconut	B.S.T./ Fruit Coconut /CR.3/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021
2	Supply of Provision Items	B.S.T./Provision/ CR.02/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021
3	Supply of Flowers	B.S.T./Flowers/ CR.06/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021
4	Supply of Shalyas	B.S.T.4/ CR.07/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021
5	Video Recording	B.S.T./Video CR.04/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021
6	Maintenance of Toilet	B.S.T./Toilet CR.05/ 2020-21	25.01.2021	09.02.2021	10.02.2021

DIPR/DDU/Shirdi Sai/2560/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Officer**

30,573
false claims made by Donald Trump between 2016 and 2020, Washington Post reported on Monday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	13	3	SNY
Colombo	31	22	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	-18	-19	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	5	0	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	2	-4	LC	Toronto	1	-2	LC
London	5	0	SNY	Washington	6	2	LC

Biden plans to prod US federal agencies to buy American goods

Will make it harder for contractors to sell foreign-made goods to government agencies

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden will sign an executive order on Monday giving priority to US companies and products in contracts with the federal government—pushing a "Made in America" approach favoured by Donald Trump.

The order, senior White House officials said, aims to boost national production and save industrial jobs by increasing investments in manufacturing industries and workers in order to "Build Back Better".

The new executive order should reduce the possibility of skirting rules requiring federal authorities to prioritise buying US-made products.

Biden wants to limit the way federal agencies stamp the products they buy as "Made in America" in order to eliminate legal loopholes used by companies that often manufacture in the US only a small portion of the products offered to the government.

US President Joe Biden talks to press at the White House on Sunday | AFP

The Buy American Act of 1933, still in force, requires federal agencies to prioritise purchasing goods produced on US soil, but "these preferences have not always been implemented consistently or effectively," according to the Biden administration.

Biden's decision echoes those of his predecessors, particularly Trump.

Trump had issued an executive order urging the federal government to purchase more US-made products and turning tariffs into a weapon against imports — with mixed results.

During his presidential campaign, Biden promised to strengthen the "Buy American" process with a $400 billion plan for projects using US-made products — including steel, or protective equipment for healthcare workers battling Covid-19.

After his electoral victory, Biden said the federal government would buy American cars and inventory.

However, companies have already warned that overly restrictive rules could cause costs to soar, making it harder to buy parts made outside the US.

Past presidents have promised to revitalise manufacturing as a source of job growth and achieved mixed results. The government helped save the automotive sector after the 2008 financial crisis, but the number of factory jobs has been steadily shrinking over the course of four decades. The number of manufacturing jobs peaked in 1979 at 19.5 million and now totals 12.3 million.

Foreign governments worry Biden's plan will put their companies at a disadvantage.

"It's particularly relevant to Canada and the US because of our deeply integrated economies," Colin Robertson, a former Canadian diplomat told the *Wall Street Journal*.

"Once the thing goes into effect, there will be Canadian companies who will say, 'Oh, we are excluded.' Then, they will begin to squawk," Robertson said. *Agencies*

WH lifts transgender military ban

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Monday overturned his predecessor Donald Trump's ban on transgender people serving in the military, saying "all Americans" qualified to serve should be able to do so.

Biden's new policy was set in an executive order he signed at the White House, the latest in a string of directives aimed at reversing Trump-era policies.

"Simply put, transgender service members will no longer be subject to the possibility of discharge or separation on the basis of gender identity," the White House said in a statement.

The military "thrives when it is composed of diverse Americans who can meet the rigorous standards for military service, and an inclusive military strengthens our national security."

The move undoes Trump's controversial decision in July 2017 to bar transgender personnel from serving "in any capacity" in the military.

As commander-in-chief, the US president has enormous latitude to set Pentagon policies.

Trump chose to nix a plan implemented by former president Barack Obama for the military to start accepting transgender recruits.

Trump had claimed the Obama-era policy was disruptive, expensive and said it eroded military readiness and camaraderie among troops.

But in Biden's order undoing Trump's ban, the White House cited a 2016 study that found enabling transgender individuals to serve openly in the United States military would have only a minimal impact on military readiness and health care cost."

Newly appointed Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said he fully supported Biden's order. The US military has more than 1.3 million troops, and the Pentagon estimates about 9,000 troops identify as transgender. *AFP*

TRAVEL CURBS BACK

US President Joe Biden will on Monday formally reinstate Covid-19 travel restrictions on non-US travelers from Brazil, Ireland, the United Kingdom and 26 other European countries that allow travel across open borders, according to two White House officials. The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the order, also confirmed Sunday that South Africa would be added to the restricted list because of concerns about a variant of the virus that has spread beyond that nation. The decision to reverse the order is not surprising, but the addition of South Africa to the restricted travel list highlights the new administration's concern about mutations in the virus. The South Africa variant has not been discovered in the United States

Transgender servicemembers will no longer be subject to the possibility of discharge or separation on the basis of gender identity

White House statement

9 Chinese missing miners found dead

BEIJING

CHINESE rescue workers have found the bodies of nine more miners after an explosion a fortnight ago, local officials said on Monday, raising the death toll to 10.

It comes a day after 11 miners were pulled out alive from the mine in eastern Shandong province where the blast struck. One miner remains unaccounted for.

A group of 22 were trapped hundreds of metres underground by the explosion on January 10, with some relying on food and medicine delivered through long shafts drilled by rescue teams.

"From Sunday afternoon to this afternoon, rescue workers have not stopped searching, and found a further nine trapped miners who unfortunately all died," the mayor of Yantai city, Chen Fei, said.

"Along with one miner who died on Thursday, the bodies of the nine deceased miners were all lifted out of the mine."

The initial explosion at the Hushan mine occurred in its ventilator shaft, causing a blockage that damaged the cable car.

The head of the rescue team Chen Yumin said it appeared all nine miners had been killed by the impact of a secondary explosion in the mine on January 10 as they tried to climb up to the mine entrance to escape.

A minute's silence was held at the press conference, and the four officials bowed afterwards to pay respects to the dead.

Officials said that the identities of the deceased would be confirmed through DNA testing. The 11 survivors are in "stable" and "non life-threatening" conditions and are currently receiving medical treatment, according to the deputy head of the Shandong provincial health commission. *AFP*

3 FEARED DEAD AFTER GAS PIPELINE BLAST

Eight people were injured and three others went missing after a natural gas pipe exploded in northeast China's port city of Dalian on Monday, local authorities said. The explosion occurred around 6 am (local time) near a residential area in Jinzhou district of Dalian. Eight people were injured by shattered window glass and have been sent to the hospital, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The fire has been put out, and an initial investigation has found that the explosion was caused by a leakage of the natural gas pipeline, it said

EXPRESS READ

25 activists detained amid protests in Nepal

Kathmandu: Twenty five human rights activists were detained here on Monday after they clashed with the police while staging demonstrations against the dissolution of the House of Representatives by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli. Police used water cannons and batons against the protesters who broke the police barricade and moved towards the Prime Minister's residence, according to eyewitnesses. The human rights activists were staging a symbolic protest against the House dissolution at the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli. "Police used excessive force against the peaceful agitators," said a human rights activist, who took part in the protest

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Body of activist buried amid tight security

The body of Karima Baloch, a 37-year-old Pakistani dissident from the ethnic Baloch community and a prominent women's rights activist, who died in mysterious circumstances while in exile in Canada, was brought home and buried in her village in Balochistan province amid tight security, officials said. Karima, who was highly critical of Pakistan's security agencies and campaigned against human rights violations in Balochistan, was found dead in Toronto on December 22. Officials said her family was present at the funeral on Sunday in the Tump village of the Keach area. Security was tight due to the fear of protests by Baloch nationalists who cherished her as their leader. Her supporters claimed that the village was virtually sealed off so that people from other areas could not attend the funeral.

BANGLADESH

First batch of vaccine arrives

Bangladesh on Monday received the first consignment of the 5 million doses of Covishield vaccines from India under a procurement agreement, four days after New Delhi gifted 2 million doses of the vaccine to Dhaka. A special Air India flight carrying the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine reached the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport earlier in the day to be initially stored at a warehouse of private Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd ahead of their planned countrywide distribution. Bangladesh has so far purchased 30 million doses from the Serum Institute of India through private Beximco pharmaceuticals

VIETNAM

Crucial Communist Party meet this week

Almost 1,600 leading members of Vietnam's ruling Communist Party will meet this week to approve future policy and help select the nation's top leaders amid talk about whether the current party chief will stay. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, 76, defied conventional wisdom by winning a second term in 2016 against a favored opponent. Trong has made his name by presiding over economic growth and waging a popular war on corruption. There has been speculation the selection of the new set of leaders is already a done deal, but the Vietnamese party is highly secretive and citizens are not even allowed to publicly discuss candidates. Vietnam is one of the handful of the world's remaining communist single-party states that tolerates no dissent

Speaker of the US House Nancy Pelosi leaves the Capitol buiding | AFP

Senate set to receive impeachment article

WASHINGTON

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is set to send the Senate a single article of impeachment on Monday accusing Donald Trump of inciting the Capitol riot, formally triggering the first-ever impeachment trial of a former president.

However, a growing number of Republican senators say they are opposed to the proceeding, dimming the chances that former president will be convicted on the charge that he incited a siege of the US Capitol.

House Democrats will carry the sole impeachment charge of "incitement of insurrection" across the Capitol late Monday evening, a rare and ceremonial walk to the Senate by the prosecutors who will argue their case. They are hoping that strong Republican denunciations of Trump after the January 6 riot will translate into a conviction and a separate vote to bar Trump from holding office again.

But instead, GOP passions appear to have cooled since the insurrection. Now that Trump's presidency is over, Republican senators who will serve as jurors in the trial are rallying to his legal defense, as they did during his first impeachment trial last year.

"I think the trial is stupid, I think it's counterproductive," said Senator Marco Rubio, (Republican, Florida). He said that "the first chance I get to vote to end this trial, I'll do it" because he believes it would be bad for the country and further inflame partisan divisions.

Arguments in the Senate trial will begin the week of February 8. Leaders in both parties agreed to the short delay to give Trump's team and House prosecutors time to prepare and the Senate the chance to confirm some of Biden's Cabinet nominees. Democrats say the extra days will allow for more evidence to come out about the rioting by Trump supporters, while Republicans hope to craft a unified defence.

An early vote to dismiss the trial probably would not succeed, given that Democrats now control the Senate.

Agencies

A high bar

Democrats would need the support of 17 Republicans Senators — a high bar — to convict Donald Trump

Jayati Ghosh in high-level UN panel

NEW YORK

DEVELOPMENT economist Jayati Ghosh is among 20 prominent personalities appointed by the United Nations to a high-level advisory board that will provide recommendations for the UN Secretary-General to respond to the socio-economic challenges in the post-Covid world.

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) announced that the 20 "prominent personalities, globally renowned for their intellectual leadership in economic and social fields, will form the second United Nations High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs."

Over the next two years, the board will strengthen the United Nations thought leadership on sustainable development and reinforce its impact on policies at every level ' from global to local, it said.

Comprising a diverse group of experts from around the world, the board will closely collaborate with UNDESA to provide guidance and focused recommendations for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to respond to current and future socio-economic challenges in the post-pandemic world and to advance the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Over the course of the last two years, the interventions and insights of the board greatly expanded the understanding of UNDESA of some of the most burning economic and social issues shaping the world and inspired the UN to break new ground in policy research, the UN agency said.. *PTI*

Jayati Ghosh

Equivalent of 255 mn jobs lost

The coronavirus pandemic took a huge toll on global jobs last year, the UN said on Monday, with the equivalent of more than a quarter of a billion lost

8.8 per cent of global working hours were lost in 2020, compared to the fourth quarter of 2019. **That is equivalent to 255 million full-time jobs.** The UN labour agency explained that around half of the lost working hours were calculated from reduced working hours for those remaining in employment

$3.7tn (£2.7tn) in lost earnings

1.1 per cent point rise in global unemployment rate in 2020. This means 33 million more people lost their jobs

A protest by youth against job cuts in the US | AFP

WOMEN, YOUTH AFFECTED DISPROPORTIONATELY

1. The ILO pointed to the uneven impact the crisis has had on the world's workers—affecting women and younger workers far more than others. Globally, employment losses for women last year stood at five percent, compared with 3.9 per cent for men
2. Women are more likely to work in the harder-hit sectors of the economy, and also have taken on more of the burden of, for instance, caring for children forced to stay home from school
3. Younger workers were also far more likely to lose jobs, with employment loss among 15-24-year-olds at 8.7 per cent globally, compared with 3.7 per cent for older workers

HOSPITALITY SECTOR SHEDS 20% JOBS

The worst affected sector has been accommodation and food services, where employment declined by more than 20 per cent, on average. Jobs in information, communication and finance sectors increased in the second and third quarters of the year

LOOKING FORWARD

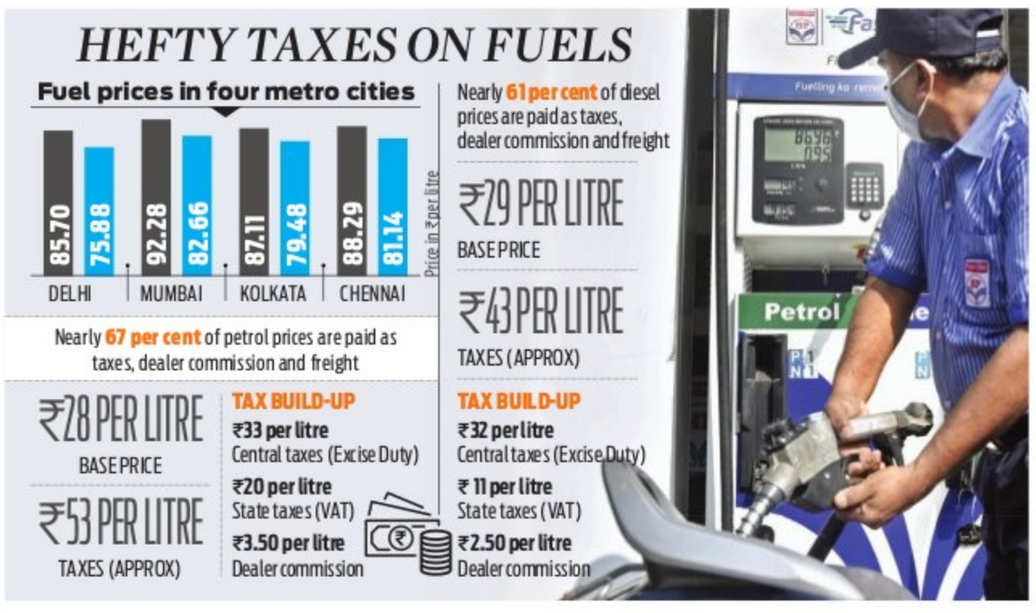
The report sketched out three recovery scenarios for 2021, depending on the support measures provided at the national and international levels

The pessimistic scenario saw a further 4.6-percent drop in working hours. The most optimistic scenario anticipated that working hours would contract by a further 1.3 per cent this year, corresponding to 36 million full-time jobs

We are at a fork in the road. One path leads to an uneven, unsustainable, recovery with growing inequality and instability, and the prospect of more crises. The other focuses on a human-centred recovery for building back better, prioritising employment, income and social protection, workers' rights and social dialogue. If we want a lasting, sustainable and inclusive recovery, this is the path policymakers must commit to — Guy Ryder, ILO chief

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
530.95 ▼	Sensex	48,347.5	₹0.00 ⇔	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,833	₹0.00 ⇔	Per kg	₹66,700	▼ Dollar		72.94
133 ▼	Nifty	14,238.9	₹0.00 ⇔	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,933	₹0.00 ⇔	Per gm	₹66.7	▼ Euro		88.62



Covid-19 deepened inequality: Oxfam

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 pandemic has broadened worldwide inequality, making billionaires richer at record pace while billions are struggling to meet ends, said Oxfam in its 'Inequality Virus' report released Monday. According to the report, a thousand richest people on the planet recouped their Covid-19 losses within just nine months mainly due to surge in stock prices, but it could take more than a decade for the world's poorest to recover.

In India, the wealth of the billionaires increased by an estimated 35 per cent during the lockdown. The top 100 billionaires have seen their fortunes increase by nearly ₹12.98 lakh crore since March 2020, enough to give every one of the 138 million poorest Indian people a cheque for ₹94,045 each, while 84 per cent of households suffered varying degrees of income loss, and 1.7 lakh people lost their jobs every hour, in April 2020 alone, the report added.

"The report shows how the rigged economic system is enabling a super-rich elite to amass wealth in the middle of the worst recession and the biggest economic crisis in the history of independent India, while billions of people are struggling to make ends meet. It reveals how the pandemic is deepening long-standing economic, caste, ethnic, and gender divides," said Oxfam India CEO Amitabh Behar. "While the coronavirus was being touted as a great equaliser in the beginning, it laid bare the stark inequalities inherent in the society soon after the lockdown was imposed," he added. Oxfam noted that it would take an unskilled worker 10,000 years to make what Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani made in an hour during the pandemic and three years to make what he made in a second. In August, 2020, Ambani was declared the fourth richest man on the planet at a time when lakhs of migrant workers were left without jobs and money.

Advocating a tax increase on the super rich, Oxfam's report said that a 4 per cent wealth tax on the nation's 954 richest families could raise the equivalent of 1 per cent of India's GDP. The increase in wealth of the top 11 billionaires of India during the pandemic could sustain the health ministry for ten years, the report added.

Fuel prices get a breather after new all-time high

Petrol in Delhi was kept unchanged at `85.7 a litre and diesel at `75.88

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PETROL and diesel prices remain at record high levels after daily hikes over the past few days, but were kept static for a second straight day on Monday by oil marketing companies. While petrol prices in Delhi remained unchanged at ₹85.70 a litre, diesel prices were maintained at ₹75.88 a litre in the national capital (cheapest among metros). In Mumbai, the petrol and diesel prices are at ₹92.28 and ₹82.66 per litre, respectively, according to a price notification from fuel retailers. On January 23, petrol touched an all-time high of ₹85.70 per litre in Delhi after rates were raised four times last week.

Prices, however, vary from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes. In Chennai, for instance, petrol prices stood at ₹88.29 on Monday, and a litre of diesel costs ₹81.14. In Bengaluru, petrol is retailing at ₹88.59 and diesel at ₹80.47. In fact, in two towns of Rajasthan the extra premium petrol was retailed at a historic high of ₹100 per litre.

After the festive season, retail fuel prices saw an upward trend at the end of November 2020 and starting December 6, 2020, there was a month-long pause on prices. Even though retail prices are connected to international product prices and are calculated on a 15 days lag, the prices began to rise starting January 6, leading to demands for a cut in excise duty. International oil prices firmed up on hopes of demand returning from the rollout of vaccines. Brent crude prices, which crashed from $66 per barrel in early 2020 to $19 per barrel in April due to lockdown and travel restrictions that resulted in lower crude and fuel demand, had touched $55.71 a barrel on January 25, 2021.

Meanwhile, the Centre hiked excise duty twice in 2020, which followed by a hike in state levies are pinching the consumers. Petrol saw a hike of 65 per cent and diesel 101 per cent on account of the duty hike in 2020. In absolute numbers, the excise duty on petrol was raised to ₹32.98 per litre from ₹19.98 and diesel to ₹31.83 per litre from ₹15.83. Every ₹1 a litre increase in excise duty adds about ₹14,500 crore to the government's kitty.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹71.20

Target Price ₹100

FEDERAL BANK

FB has delivered strong operating performance as the economy continues to recover from the COVID-19 shock. Retail loan growth is showing a healthy revival, led by robust trends in retail loans (Gold, LAP, and Housing). The bank's liability franchise remains strong, with a retail deposit mix of ~90% and healthy CASA growth, which would continue to aid margin. On the asset quality front, impact from COVID-19 remains under control, with total restructuring expected to remain at 1.2-1.3% of loans, while collection efficiency has improved to 95% (same as pre-COVID levels). We estimate FB to report a RoA/RoE of 1.2%/14.8% by FY23E.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *The New Indian Express*.

WhatsApp working on Centre's privacy policy concerns, to submit report soon

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SENIOR lawyer Mukul Rahotgi, who appeared on behalf of WhatsApp in the Delhi High Court, said on Monday that the messaging service firm will soon respond to the queries raised by the government over its updated privacy policy. "The government wrote to us wanting certain clarifications. We will respond. In the judgment, the Data Protection Bill is being actively considered by the government. The matter is pending in Supreme Court," Rohatgi informed the court.

On January 16, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in an emailed query to WhatsApp objected to its updated privacy policy and sought sought clarity from the firm regarding its data sharing practices, user confidentiality / consent, access of user's mobile phone apps and details of the entities with whom the information is being shared. It stated that the "unilateral changes to the Terms of Service are not fair and acceptable" and that the firm must also respect the privacy of India's citizens. The Delhi High Court, while hearing a petition challenging the updated privacy policy of WhatsAppon grounds of it violating the right to privacy, earlier reiterated that it is not mandatory to download the application in case one feels that the data is being compromised. "Every other application has similar terms and conditions," the Court noted.

However, Chetan Sharma, Advocate Solicitor General said, representing the Centre, told the Delhi High Court that WhatsApp was treating Indian users differently from its European ones with regard to opting out of its new privacy policy, and this was a matter of concern for the government which is looking into it. The central government told the high court that it was also a matter of concern that Indian users were being "unilaterally" subjected to the change in privacy policy by social networking platform WhatsApp.

Privacy policy a looming treat, says ADIF

- Atmanirbhar Digital India Foundation (ADIF), a newly formed industry association of startups, has alleged that WhatsApp's recent privacy policy update is a looming threat to financial data of users.
- The policy could also lead to increased data sharing between WhatsApp Payments and parent entity Facebook, ADIF said in a letter to the RBI.

EV makers seek GST rate cut to push growth

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

THE electric vehicle (EV) industry, which is slowly limping back to normalcy after being severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, expects a lot from the upcoming budget to accelerate its growth in the sector. From lowering GST rates on raw materials to including EV industry in the priority sector lending list, the sector has a long list of demands.

"For manufacturers, one of the key challenges on investments in the sector is the concerns regarding GST inverted duty structure. In order to minimise working capital blockage, the government should look at extending end use based benefits to the EV industry like lowering GST rates on raw materials, allowing inverted duty refunds for research and development and capital expenditure," said Tarun Mehta, co-founder & CEO, Ather Energy.

EV makers believe incentives and infrastructure are the two major factors that will drive EV consumption in India. "Ās large amount of the budget allotted for this scheme remains unutilized and with the FAME II policy now in implementation mode, we request extension of the FAME II scheme up to 2025 so that its impact and benefits reach the EV buyers effectively and enables demand acceleration," said Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO of Kinetic Green. "From industry standpoint, providing short term 'Booster Incentives' under Fame II for a period of 24 months, in the form of further incentives will help boost demand," he added. Industry players also pointed out that electric vehicles should be considered under priority lending sector to boost financing support.The government could consider announcing allocations that speed up domestic manufacturing capabilities by incentivising R&D initiatives, provisions that promote the cause of increasing elements of localization for the electric-vehicle segment, said Pankaj Tiwari, chief marketing officer, Nexzu Mobility

> **The government must also look at aggravating the domestic demand by further incentivising individual and commercial consumption of EV across India**
>
> Jeetender Sharma, MD, Okinawa Autotech

FDI in India grows 13% in 2020, bucking global decline of 42%

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BOLSTERED by acquisitions in India's digital economy, foreign direct investment (FDI) into India rose13 per cent in 2020, while global FDI collapsed 42 per cent, said the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its report "Investment Trends Monitor". The decline in FDI inflows was concentrated in developed countries, where fund flows fell by 69 per cent to an estimated $229 billion.

"In relative terms, FDI flows declined most strongly in the UK, Italy, Russia, Germany, Brazil and the US due to the dramatic impact of COVID-19. India and China, however, bucked the trend," the report noted. Such a low level was last seen in the 1990s and is more than 30 per cent below the

investment trough that followed the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. India, however, saw a 13 per cent rise in FDI saw the total foreign investments for 2020 touching $57 billion. China was the world's largest FDI recipient, with flows to the Asian giant rising by four per cent to $163 billion.

"India, another major emerging economy, also recorded positive growth (13 per cent), boosted by investments in the digital sector," the report said.

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) sales grew 83 percent to $27 billion, the report said, citing social networking giant Facebook's acquisition of 9.9 percent stake in Reliance Jio platforms, via a new entity, Jaadhu Holdings LLC. Similarly deals in the energy sector propped up M&A values in India, it added.

EXPRESS READ

Kia Motors India sells 2 lakh cars in 17 months

NEW DELHI: Kia Motors on Monday said it has became the fastest carmaker to achieve two lakh units of India sales since it entered the domestic market in August 2019. After registering a sales figure of 100,000 sales units in July 2020, the brand has registered sales of the second 100,000 units within a record 6-months' time. Kia's first car Seltos leads the sales charts for the carmaker with 149,428 units, followed by the Sonet with 45,195 units, which was launched in September, 2020 and the Carnival with a total sales of 5409 units. The top-end variants i.e. above GTX variants for the Seltos and Sonet and the Limousine variant for the Carnival, have accounted for nearly 60 per cent of total cars sold, the carmaker said in a note.

Budget 2021: Start-ups look forward to tax holidays, incentives post Covid blow

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

A ₹1,000 crore package for seed investments in start-ups announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this month and other fiscal measures during the pandemic has clearly signalled the focus of the government on providing growth impetus to the ecosystem. However, the stakeholders say that the much-awaited regulatory changes in easing compliance burden, incentivising the domestic and foreign investments would be the key things to watch out for during the upcoming Budget that is scheduled to be announced on February 1. While the government has placed startups under the priority sector lending status, a regulatory system that addresses the tax parity concerns is the need of the hour. According to Neeraj Tyagi- Founder and CEO of We Founder Circle — a start-up investment platform— the previous budget did not completely address the expectations and requirements of the startup ecosystem. "There were some misses including working capital crunch, tax parity on capital gains etc. After the Covid- 19 outbreak, start-ups are leading the technology adaptation across the sectors. This has further built an interest among corporates to invest in star-tups and technology-oriented projects. Therefore, this is the right time for the government to incentivise the startup funding and work towards relaxing the policies to encourage angel investors to invest more. Also, the government needs to push major fund allocation and also lower the GST which currently has narrowed the scope of maneuvering for startups," said Tyagi.

Industry experts say that the government should not tax the ESOPs unless they are cashed out besides extending the tax holiday for such initiatives.

EARNINGS

Kotak Mahindra Bank Q3 net up 11% at ₹2,602 cr

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PRIVATE bank Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has posted a 11 per cent 11 per cent to ₹2,602 crore in the October–December (Q3) of FY21, from ₹2,349 in the corresponding quarter of FY20. On a standalone basis, the bank's net profit jumped 16 per cent in Q3FY21 to ₹1,854 crore, compared to ₹1,596 crore in Q3FY20 due to healthy rise in net interest income (NII) and lower provisions. Net interest income, or core income — the difference between the interest income the bank earns from its lending activities and the interest it pays to its depositors — rose 16.8 per cent year-on-year to ₹4,007 crore against the estimated ₹3,497 crore. The gross bad loans of the bank, without the benefit of the judicial standstill on bad loan recognition, stood at 3.27 per cent of its loan book, sharply higher than 2.46 per cent a year ago and 2.55 per cent in the September quarter. The bank approved one-time restructuring for accounts representing 0.28 per cent of its net advances. Further, the provisions and contingencies of the lender on a standalone basis for the reporting quarter stood at ₹599 crore, compared to ₹444 crore in Q3FY20. At the end of Q3FY21, the bank is holding ₹1,279 crore as covid related provisions. In a call with the media after the results, the Kotak management said the provisions would take care of the risks that the bank anticipates right now.

Business & Beyond

Blood donation camp organised by SBI

A blood donation camp was organised by the Stressed Assets Recovery Branch of the State Bank of India (SBI) at the premises of the SBI Office at Sambalpur in association with Indian Red Cross Society. The camp was inaugurated by Madan Mohan Bariar, Deputy General Manager (B&O) of SBI Administrative Office, Sambalpur.

UCO Bank reports Q3 net profit of `35.44 cr

Public sector UCO Bank has reported a net profit of `35.44 crore for the third quarter ended December 2020, on account of lower provisioning for bad loans. The lender had reported a net loss of `960.17 crore during the October-December period of the previous fiscal year. Total income, however, fell marginally to `4,466.97 crore in the third quarter of the current fiscal as against `4,514.21 crore reported in the same period of 2019-20.

JSPL unveils eye health services for truckers

Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) has rolled out a programme to provide primary eye health services for truck drivers across all its plant locations. The programme envisioned by chairman Naveen Jindal was inaugurated by chairperson of JSPL Foundation Shallu Jindal at its Angul integrated steel plant. Sightsavers India, will serve as an implementing partner for this programme.

M N Biswas takes charge of SAIL RMD

M N Biswas has joined SAIL Raw Materials Division (RMD) as the executive director in-charge. Prior to that, he was the executive director, Mines & Rowghat at Bhilai. A mechanical engineer, Biswas joined SAIL as management trainee (technical) in 1984. Biswas worked in different mines of SAIL at Bolani, Barsua, Kiriburu, Gua and Bhilai group of mines at various capacities, it said in a release.

SER undertakes development in railway infrastructure

South Eastern Railway (SER) has emphasised on the massive developmental work in Railway infrastructure in spite of severe adverse situations being faced by the field workers and officers during lockdown in phases in the country since March 25, 2020. The civil engineering department of SER taking it a challenge, has stepped up its entire network in all the four divisions viz, Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi and has done overall improvement of railway infrastructure.

Bharat Masala nominated for state export award

Jay Bharat Spices Private Limited (Bharat Masala) has achieved success in exports with spicy and healthy food production. For the fourth consecutive year, Bharat Masala has been nominated by the Odisha government for best exporter award for 2018-19.

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया BOI Bank of India

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CORRIGENDUM

Please Refer the E- Auction Sale Notice published in this Newspaper on **23.01.2021** pertaining to the **Borrowers : 1. Mr. Vishal Kumar Nahaar, 2. M/s. Arunachaleshwara Translogistics India Pvt Ltd., Represented by the Directors, Mr. A Suresh Kumar & Mr. Aiyappan B, 3. Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, 4. Mr. K N Shekar, 5. Mr. Rajanna H.** in the Notice, the word **Physical possession** in the first paragraph should be read as **"Constructive / symbolic possession"** instead of Physical Possession Notice.

All other contents remains unchanged.

Date : 25.01.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF SALE DEED

I, **Smt. K.R. SUMANGALA**, Wife of Late Sri. K.C. Rajashekaraiah, R/at No.5/3, II Floor, 1st Cross Road, Church Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004, have lost/ misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 18/02/2016, Document No.4937/15-16, in Book I, stored in CD No. GNRD115, in respect of the Site bearing No.107, of Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, Bangalore District, situated in the layout known as "SECRETARIAT CLASS IV EMPLOYEES LAYOUT" and the same has not been traced till date despite diligent search.

A police complaint has been filed with the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police on 19.01.2021 vide Lost Report No.010929/2021, Serial No.932002. Any person/s holding the above said Original Title Deed may write to the undersigned their reason for holding the same. Any person/s, if having found the Original Sale Deed is requested to return the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-
K.R. SUMANGALA
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Date: 25.01.2021 Bangalore

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E- Tender Notice

E-Tender details	Repair & Reshelling of 47 nos of Conventional and Louts Rollers to Cooperative and Public sector Sugar Mills for 2021-22 year
E-Tender Web Portal	**https://tntenders.gov.in**
Eligibility	Manufacturer only
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs. 1,80,000 /-**
Due Date & Time for Submission of tender	**10-02-2021 @ 11.00 AM**
E-Tender opening date & Time	**11-02-2021 @ 11.30 AM**

For Further details visit Website : **https://tntenders.gov.in** and tender form can be downloaded free of cost

Chennai 22-01-2021 DIPR/514/TENDER/2021 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed Tenders are invited from the eligible tenderers for the following works as per the procedure of CMWSSB under single cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

1. Conveying sewage from Chemmenchery Pumping Station to Perumbakkam (North) Pumping Station by supplying and laying of 400 mm dia CI pumping main for a length of 1400 m. Cont.No.CNT/SEW/MWB/3350/2020-21- Eligibility : Class IA - EMD - Rs.1,63,200/-
2. Supplying and laying of MS Encasing pipe of size 1600 mm dia for a length of 55 m by using Trenchless technology HORIZONTAL AUGER BORING METHOD for laying of 800 mm dia CI pumping main across Railway Chainage Km.5/31 & 5/29 at a depth of 6.60m from track level adjacent to Perambur flyover Cont.No.CNT/SEW/I&A/3351/2020-21- Eligibility : As stipulated in the Tender Schedule - EMD - Rs.87,000/-
3. Tenders will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.00 P.M on (Sl.No.1) – 02.03.2021 & (Sl.No.2) - 16.02.2021.
4. Availability of tender documents- website: www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.chennaimetrowater.tn.gov.in and e-bid submission is permitted through portal www.tntenders.gov.in. For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from 28.01.2021.

DIPR/528/Tender/2021 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)**

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Gangadharaiah P, Mrs.Nagarathna D S, **(Prospect No. 865946)**	**18-Jan-21** Rs. 1,06,513.00/- (One Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Only Rupees)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Plot No.22, admeasuring 972 sqft, E-Katha No. 152500200700200022, Haradagere Village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur, Karnataka- 572222

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIF HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office :IIFL, #11, Adams Chamber, 1st floor, Opp India Bulls, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025 and /or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Tumkur **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Date: 26.01.2021 **For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ :– ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ : ಕಾಸಮಂ / ತಾ. ಶಾ. / ಸ.ಇ. / ಟೆಂಡರ್ – 36/ 2021/ 94 ದಿ: 13.01.2021, 37/2021/95 ದಿ: 13.01.2021 ಮತ್ತು 38/2021/120 ದಿ: 16.01.2021

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ವಯ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾದ, ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಮೂರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಕಾರಣಾಂತರದಿಂದ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ದಿ. 30.01.2021 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ (Download). ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಮಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR / MNG / 795/ MPL / 20-21

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420,
E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
[(Rule-8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited**, Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 10.11.2020 calling upon the borrower **Sri Girish K Nashi** and the guarantors **Smt. Sharmila G Nashi, Sri Amaresh G Nashi, Sri Adesh G Nashi** all of them residing at # 76, N N Farm Road, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore – 560094 and **Sri T B R Boranna, Sri R S Hanuboranna, Late T B R Shivaram (Since dead represented by his legal heir Smt Vani W/o. Late T B R Shivaram), Smt Vani (Legal Heir & wife of late T B R Shivaram), T B R Borajanna and Sri T B Rajoo** all of them residing at # 3, Spencer Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560005 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 11,82,54,610/- (Rupees Eleven Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Only) as on 31.10.2020 within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **19th day of January 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Kumara Park West Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 11,82,54,610/- (Rupees Eleven Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Only) as on 31.10.2020** plus interest from 01/11/2020 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE - A (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.14, New No.23, Tyagi Doreswamy Road, (Quadrant Road) Shivajinagar, Bangalore BBMP ward No.79, with PID No.79-23-23, measuring on the North 93.60 Ft. South 34.60 Ft. East 106 Ft. West 120 Ft. totally measuring 7232 Sq. Ft. along with building thereon and bounded on:

East by : Quadrant Road (Thyagi Doreswamy Road), **West by :** Municipal Road, **North by :** Main Channel Road, **South by :** Municipal Road.

Date : 19-01-2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

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CORRIGENDUM : 02
Tender No:537/DDU-GKY/2020

Tender for Selection of State Technical Support Agency under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Tamil Nadu

1. Corrigendum / Clarification on Pre-bid queries are uploaded in the website www.tamilnadumahalir.org and www.tenders.tn.gov.in
2. The due dates are extended as below.

a) Sale of bidding document up to **29th Jan 2021 till 5:00 p.m.**
b) Last date and time for submission of tender - **01-02-2021 upto 3:00 p.m.**
c) Date and time for opening of Technical bid – **01-02-2021 at 3:30 p.m.**

DIPR/533/TENDER/2021 Chief Operating Officer

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 69222 - Fully Built Non Ac Diesel BS-VI Amt Double Decker Buses. (Corrigendum).

Tenderers are hereby requested to note the revised specifications on website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** and accordingly upload their Bids.

PRO/AAM(M)/101/2021. **GENERAL MANAGER**

KERALA STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(A GOVT. OF KERALA UNDERTAKING)
Keston Road, Kowdiar P.O,Thiruvanathapuram, 695003
Ph: 0471 - 2318922, mail: enquiry@ksidcmail.org

NOTICE INVITING BID (e TENDER)

Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (KSIDC), invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible firms for supply, customization and implementation of Accounting Software of KSIDC. For more details, visit **etenders.kerala.gov.in/ www.ksidc.org.** The bids can be submitted in **etenders.kerala.gov.in** till 03.00 PM on 10.02.2021.

25.01.2021 MANAGING DIRECTOR

HUBBALLI DHARWAD SMART CITY LIMITED

Special Purpose Vehicle for Implimentation of Smart City Project
(Registered Company No. CIN : U74999KA2017 PLC 101265)

No: HDSCL/SCP Tender/MD/2020-21 Date : 25.01.2021

Short Term E-Tender Notification on Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Project

Advt. No. 20 / 2020-21 Date : 25-01-2021

(1) The Managing Director, Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Ltd (HDSCL) invites the bid from eligible bidders through E-procurement Through PPP Mode under Karnataka Public Procurement & Transparency Act 1999-2000. (2) The bidders have to participate through online procurement only. The website for "ON-LINE BIDDING" is http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (3) All the bid documents can be seen and obtained from website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (4) All the payments to be made through E-Procurement only. (5) Other details can be seen in the bid documents. (6) Any information on Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can be seen in the said website. (7) For further details please contact General Manager (Tech.), Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited, Hubballi during the Office hours on Telephone No: 0836-2355331 and 2355322, information can also be obtained from website: http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and smart net.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Title	EMD Amount (Rs.)	Tender Documents Available from	Pre-bid meeting will be held on	Last date for submission of tender	Technical Proposal will be opened on	Project Completion Period
1	SOLAR/ HDSCL/ 2020-21	Solar Rooftop: Selection of Developer to Design, finance, Supply, installation test and Commissioning, operate and maintain Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Systems for 25 years on discount over retail tariff basis on Net metering or Gross metering (as per KERC Regulations) at multiple locations owned by Govt. Buildings, HDMC Buildings and Govt. Undertaking Buildings (Approximately 350 Kwp)	**5,50,000**	**30.01.2021**	**10.02.2021** by at 11:00 hrs at Office of HDSCL, 4th Floor, 'F' Block, IT Park Hubballi	**01.03.2021** at 16:00 hrs	**03.03.2021** at 16:30 hrs	25 Years excluding execution phase of 4 months

Sd/- General Manager (Tech.)
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

Sd/- Managing Director
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Gaurav R Tekumalla** S/o Mr Maruthi Rao T, aged about 18 years residing at 1/2, Gublala, Subramanyapura, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560061 wish to abandon the use of my former name Gaurav T Rao will now be called as **Gaurav R Tekumalla**. The same has been sworn in front of Notary N Nagappa Banashankri 3rd Stage, Bangalore via affidavit dated 22nd January 2021..

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Smt. SUDHA .M**, W/o Late Muruganandam .C, aged about 35 years, R/at No.59, 1st Cross, Mother Theresa Road, Marianna Palya Layout, HA Farm Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore-24, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **GANAVI .M** to **SHOBA .M**, hereafter she will be known and called as **SHOBA .N** only, vide affidavit dated 20.1.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **S. JAYANNA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JERLIN JOY**, aged about 22 years, W/o Alan Mathew Karivelil, R/at #47, IPC Hebron Prayer Hall, 5th Cross, Ramesh Nagar, Near ADA HAL, Bengaluru-37, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name to **JERLIN ALAN**, vide affidavit dated 23.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Deepak Mohanka, S/o. Mr.Govind Mohanka, aged 40 years & Ritu Mohanka, W/o. Mr. Deepak Mohanka, aged 38 years, R/at Flat No.206, B Block, Shradha Silver Springs Apartment, #15/2, BEML Layout, Thubarahalli Bus Stop, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066. We have changed our Son's name from **'HARSH MOHANKA' to 'TANUJ MOHANKA'** Vide Affidavit dated 25.01.2021. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S.S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R.TEJAVATHI, Spouse of No JC-312924Y NB/SUB Jogarao Ronagala, residing at Vill & Post :Reyyipadu, Via:Pundi(RS)Taluk:Vajrapukotturu, Dist:Srikakulam, State:Andhra Pradesh, PIN:532218, have changed my name from **R.TEJAVATHI** to **RONAGALA TEJAVATHI** vide affidavit Dated 22/01/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PRAMOD KUMAR MOPURE SUBRAMANYAM, S/o. Mopuru Balasubramanyam, residing at No. 140, 3rd Floor, Maria Sadan, 2nd Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, S.G.Palya, Bangalore-560029, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PRAMOD KUMAR MOPURU SUBRAMANYAM** vide affidavit Dated 21/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Kumaraswamy G**, R/o#1/3A, Shanthi Nivas, 1st main, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my wife's name and date of birth as **REGINA K** and **DOB 24/05/1964** vide affidavit dated 22-01-2021 sworn before Notary K. C. Pemmaiah, B'lore - 97.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. JASMINE BRIDGIT DEVI .B**, W/o Lawrence, aged about 36 years, R/at No. 28/2, 2nd Floor, Shalem, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-05, do hereby declare that both my name's i.e., **Mrs. JASMINE BIDGIT DEVI .B**, and **Mrs B. JASMINE BRIDGIT DEVI** are one and same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 15.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **D.G. SHANTHAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED SALIM JAWID**, R/at #15, Ground Floor, 5th Cross, Shampura, M.K. Pharma, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my minor son name from **MOHAMMED SAMEER HUSSAIN** to **MUHAMMAD AAMIR HUSSAIN**, vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **G. KASPAR**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sayada Heena Anjum, W/o. Sri. Imran Aman Shariff, aged about 36, R/at: C/o. Nawaz Aman Shariff Nirkhatta Akbar, C-10, Almond Tree Edifice Kenchenahalli near Railway Crossing, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064. I have changed my name from **'SAYADA HEENA ANJUM'** to **'ANJUM SHARIFF'** Vide Affidavit dated 23.01.2021. Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P.BHAGYA REKHA, Spouse of No. 15318854N HAV Penke Satyanarayana, residing at House No. 6-378, Annavaram (Vill & Post) Sankavaram (Taluk) East Godavari (Dist) Andhra Pradesh (State) PIN:533406, have changed my name from **P.BHAGYA REKHA** to **PENKE REKHA** vide affidavit Dated 22/01/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ARBINA IRSHAD, residing at No. 22, E No. 8th Street, H.K.P.Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ARBINA IRSHAD** to **(NEW NAME) ARBEENA KHAN** vide affidavit Dated 25/01/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISHEK JOHN** S/o John Babu, aged about 26 years, R/at Flat No.005, Arise Crosswoods Apartments, Brookes Haven Layout, 8th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560076, India, have changed my name from **ABHISHEK BABU JOHN** to **"ABHISHEK JOHN"** Vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021 sworn to before Notary **Neha Baddi** at Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Ms. PRIYA DUBEY,** D/o Rajesh Dubey, aged about 25 years, Ananya Comforts, 3rd Floor, 4th Ward, Opp. State Bank of India, Patel Nagar, Hospet, Ballari District, Karnataka-583201, do hereby declare that both the my name's i.e., **PRIYA DUBEY** and **PRIYA** are one and the same belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **PRIYA DUBEY** to **PRIYA**, vide affidavit dated 22.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **D.G. SHANTHAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No. **15312304 P, RANK: Ex-NAIK,** NAME: **IRUDHAYA RAJ A**, aged about 49 years, S/o late Arokya Swamy, of Unit: MEG 6 ENGR REGT and, R/at New #86, Old #85, 1st Main Road, Vijaynagar, Whitefield Post, Bengaluru-560066, have changed the name of my son from **I N RAJ** to **NIRMAL RAJ I**, vide affidavit dated 22.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **M. NARENDRAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POORNIMMA DEVI**, Aged about 39 years D/o. Siddaiah Raju, Permanent Resident of No. 169, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, GKVK Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore - 560 064, have changed my name from **POORNIMA DEVI** to **POORNIMMA DEVI** vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC - 312924Y NB/SUB Jogarao Ronagala of Unit: KAN Coy, TRG BN-I, MEG & Centre, Bengaluru-560042, have changed my Daughter name from **R.LIKITHA** to **RONAGALA LIKHITHA** and Son name from **RONAGALA MANIKANTA** to **RONAGALA MANIKANTHA** vide affidavit Dated 22/01/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RATNAM MOUNIKA, W/o Sudula Jagan Mohan Reddy, aged about 26 years, resident of No.14, 12th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bengaluru-560068, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **SUDULA MOUNIKA,** vide affidavit dated 23.01.2021 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAFIA AIMAN** R/at No.206 S S Mansion, 1st Floor, 11th Cross, Near Brand Factory, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027, have changed my name to **SHAFIYA IMAN** vide affidavit dated:23/1/2021 Before Notary **S.Jayanth** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TAPAN KAMLESH TIWARI**, aged about 30 years, S/o Mr. Kamlesh Niranjanlal Tiwari, R/at. Railway Quarter No.11, Type V Kothi compound, Rajkot-360001, now camp at Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TAPAN KAMLESH TIWARI** to **TAPAN TIWARI,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **TAPAN TIWARI** only, vide affidavit dated 11.01.2021, sworn before advocate & Notary **D. GUNASHEKAR**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. MANJULA RAM MOHAN,** aged about 34 years, W/o Ram Mohan Venkataramaiah, R/at No.11, 2nd Cross, 22nd Main, Vinayaka Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru-78, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **BHOOMIKA .R** to **V.R. BHOOIKA SHETTY,** hereafter she will be known and called as **V.R. BHOOIKA SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **CHANDRA PRAKASH CHORADIA**, S/o. Prithviraj Charlda, Aged about 45 years, Presently residing at C/o. C. Sarita, No. 1093, 18th 'B' Main Road, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, behind Sidvin Hospital, Rajajinagar 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 010, hereby declare that in my school records / SSLC Marks card and Pass Port my name was entered as **CHANDRA PRAKASH** without my family surname **CHORADIA** and my pan card and Adhar card my name mentioned as **CHANDRA PRAKASH CHORADIA.** I hereby declare that, my name is **CHANDRAPRAKASH CHORADIA** instead of **CHANDRA PRAKASH** vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Vanajakshi R., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MANJUNATH, S/o. Nagappa Dorrayswami, residing at No. 401, Pruthvi Residency, MLA Layout, Kalena Agrahara, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560083, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MANJUNATH DORRAYSWAMI** vide affidavit Dated 21/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED SALIM JAWID,** R/at #15, Ground Floor, 5th Cross, Shampura, M.K. Pharma, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my minor son name from **MOHAMMED SAMEER HUSSAIN** to **MUHAMMAD AAMIR HUSSAIN**, vide affidavit dated 25.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **G. KASPAR,** Bengaluru.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri
This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/SCP-TSP/2020-21/6936/Dt : 25-01-2021

E-Tender Notification

On 25-01-2021 through E-Procurement tender notification have been issued for the following Work Indent No. 134618, 134744, 134873, 134864, 134878, 134755, 134763 & 135036 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated : **01-02-2021** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

DIPR/Haveri/MCA/298/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division, Haveri**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

WORKS BRANCH, MADURAI
TENDER NOTICE No. MDU-W-02-2021 dated: 22.01.2021

e-tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager / works / Southern Railway / Madurai. **Tender closing date for Item No 1 to 9 on 15.02.2021 at 14.00 hrs.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1.	Manamadurai – Rameswaram Section: Through Rail Renewal (Primary) from Km:- 655.000 to 657 .500 for a length of 2.50 Kms over Pamban Viaduct in Mandapam Permanent way section. **App. Value Rs. In lakhs: 34.24 Period of Completion:4 Months**
2.	Tiruchirapalli (excl) and Manamadurai (excl) – Rameswaram : - Maintenance of water pipeline system in Railway colony, stations and service buildings under the control of Senior Section/ Works/Karaikudi for a period of 24 months **App. Value Rs. In lakhs: 17.23 Period of Completion:24 months**
3.	Zonal piece work contract – Zone-B6 Kodaikanal Hills for the period from 1.7.2020 to 30.6.2021. **App. Value Rs. In lakhs: 20.00 Period of Completion: 12 months**
4.	MADURAI DIVISION – Proposed Interlocking of LC's – 8 nos Division Engineer/North Jurisdiction – Proposed Interlocking of LC No. 476, 502, 526, 529, 530, 532, 343 & 101 Manamadurai - Rameswaram, Tiruchirappalli - Manamadurai & Dindigul - Pollachi section (8 Nos of LC). **App. Value Rs. In lakhs: 24.20 Period of Completion: 6 months**
5.	Pudukkottai Permanent way Section: Through Fittings Renewal in 50 sets of Points & Crossing between Km:-418.500 to 483.200 in between stations Kumaramangalam and Chettinad. **App. Value Rs. In lakhs: 15.38 Period of Completion: 4 months**
6.	Madurai Jn. – Maintenance of underground sewerage system in Railway colony (except old colony) and station building for two years. **App. Value Rs. In lakhs**: 24.25 **Period of Completion**: 24 months
7.	Senior Section Engineer/Works/Madurai section:- Periodical cleaning of OHT (Over Head Tanks). GI.R (Ground Level Reservoirs) & Individual water tanks for the period of two years (Frequency of cleaning once in 6 months). **App. Value Rs. In lakhs**:17.45 **Period of Completion**: 24 months
8.	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Karaikkdui Sub-Division:- Construction of boundary wall at vulnerable locations for a length of 3023m. **App. Value Rs.In lakhs**: **171.95 Period of Completion**: **8 months**
9.	Pamban station:- Proposed raising of Platform No.1 from medium level to High level **App. Value Rs. In lakhs**: **84.92 Period of Completion**: **8 months.**

(Items 09 only)

Further details are available in detail on website https://www.ireps.gov.in The tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the **e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

It is the responsibility of tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Madurai
For and on behalf of President of India

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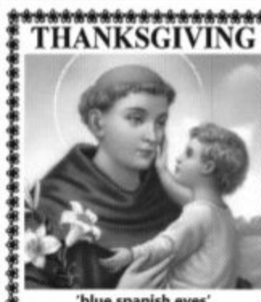

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Padma Shri for TT ace Mouma

TT ace Mouma Das was among seven sportspersons awarded the prestigious Padma Shri by the Government of India on the eve of Republic Day. P Anitha, Madhavan Nambiar, Anshu Jamsenpa, Sudha Singh, Virender Singh and KY Venkatesh have also won the award.

NOBODY LIKE PUJARA: RATHOUR

Batting coach says team management happy with No 3's role, picks opening & lower-order as work in progress

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

A week after India pulled-off an amazing chase at the Gabba to clinch the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, batting coach Vikram Rathour spoke to this daily about the batting unit. Excerpts:

How do you sum up the batting unit since you took over?
It has been a gradual process. We have always had a strong batting unit. I was taking my time initially, getting know to the players. Although I knew all of them, as a coach you still need to know their temperament. It is still evolving, some work is being put in it as to how some batsmen work. People respond to different situations in different ways. Even this series has proved the bench strength is good.

This Australian attack was one of the best of all times. As a batting unit, how do you unsettle them?
They bowled exceptionally well. (Pat) Cummins right through the series was consistent and he hardly bowled a bad ball. Against such an attack, you need to be disciplined and have lot of intent. Whenever there is a scoring opportunity, you need to score. You need to pick the right bowlers. Someone like (Mitchell) Starc gave us opportunities to score runs. Nathan Lyon too bowled well, but we had a good plan against him. Against a good attack, you need to bat through the spells. The relentless line that Cummins and Hazlewood were bowling, you need to play them through and wait for a different bowler.

How vital is Cheteshwar Pujara's role?
Extremely important. I don't think there is anyone who could do the job he does. He is solid, blunts out the fast bowlers and on tours like Australia, his contributions are so vital to the team.

There is so much talk about his strike-rate. Does it bother you guys as well?
No, never. It is just the media. I don't recall me or anyone from the team management having a discussion about it. We are happy with the job he is doing. Pujara is someone who starts to score runs quickly once he crosses a century. He converts them into big ones and he ensures even the strike-rate is taken care of. On this tour, unfortunately he got out after getting 40s and 50s. But again, whatever innings he played, it was invaluable. To bat against a really good bowling unit, he ensured that he held on to one end and we didn't lose wickets. When he is there we are not worried about it as he brings stability at the top of the order.

Since the Caribbean tour, Ajinkya Rahane looks a different batsman. What has changed?
He is a very committed player, who knows his game and he also works on different aspects. Form is temporary. He went through a phase every cricketer goes through. That is the secret of good players, when they comeback, they are stronger than they were. He has great routines. He can change his game very quickly. He can be defensive or even get aggressive without changing his game. That works perfectly because the flexibility is something you expect in the middle-order.

How is Rohit Sharma developing as an opener? He got out at Brisbane after being set. Has he been given the license to play with freedom?
Not only Rohit. Everyone in the team is supposed to back their game and play. For me batting is about scoring runs and getting the job done. The key thing is you need to study the situation and play according to the opposition and condition. And back your game to score runs. He is someone who takes the bowlers on and in doing that there will be mistakes here and there. But definitely he is working to convert those starts into 100s.

How is it for you to watch Rishabh Pant bat?
I actually enjoy watching him. He has his own game, own method. The only conversation we have been having with him is he needs to pick the right balls to go after. We don't want him to stop playing shots. Because it is what makes him so special. But you need to pick the right balls and areas to score them. He has shown in Sydney and Brisbane that he is getting better and with time he will understand more. He learned from Sydney and finished the game in Brisbane.

England warm up for India tour with impressive series win over Sri Lanka

AFP @ Galle

SKIPPER Joe Root on Monday said England will take "confidence" from their 2-0 Test sweep in Sri Lanka to challenge world number one India on their own patch.

England beat Sri Lanka by six wickets in a tight second Test in Galle with Dom Sibley and Jos Buttler guiding the team's chase of 164 in the extended final session on day four. Spinners Jack Leach and Dom Bess played a key part with four wickets each to skittle out Sri Lanka for 126 in their second innings.

Root, who led by example with match-winning knocks of 228 and 186 in the first and second matches respectively, said the team looks in good shape ahead of the four-Test series in India that starts in Chennai on February 5. "We've got four very important games against arguably the best team in the world in their own conditions," Root said. "We'll have to play right at the top of our game to win out there but we couldn't be in a better place to go and challenge them."

England skipper Joe Root | SLC

The England team face a period of quarantine upon entry to India ahead of the series, but Root said the measures had not fazed the squad. "We're gonna have seven or eight days with no cricket, six days in quarantine and then three very important days of prep ahead of the series," he said. "But what we have got is a huge amount of confidence coming out of these two games."

The win was England's second successive Test whitewash in Sri Lanka after the tourists won all three matches in the island nation in 2018.

England though will be without Jonny Bairstow for the opening two India Tests as part of the team's rest and rotate policy for its players during the coronavirus pandemic.

Buttler, who scored 55 and an unbeaten 46 in the second match, will return home after the first Test. Root said the team, which will be boosted by the return of Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer, will have to keep up with player rotation in these uncertain times.

Brief scores: SL 381 & 126 (Embuldeniya 40; Bess 4/49, Leach 4/59) lost to Eng 344 & 164/4 (Sibley 56 n.o, Buttler 46 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

Liverpool knocked out of FA Cup

London:Liverpool crashed out of the FA Cup as Manchester United beat their bitter rivals 3-2 in the fourth round on Sunday. Liverpool took lead with Mohamed Salah's goal, but Mason Greenwood equalised before the interval. Marcus Rashford put United in front and, although Salah equalised, Bruno Fernandes fired a winner past Alisson Becker.

Yashvir beats Neeraj's U-20 Fed Cup meet mark

BHOPAL: Haryana's Yashvir Singh stole the thunder from distance runners Sunil Dawar and Ankita as the trio heralded the return of national-level athletics meet with meet records in the 18th Federation Cup Junior (U-20) Championships here. Yashvir posted a best effort of 78.68m to beat Neeraj Chopra's mark of 76.91m, set in Hyderabad in 2015.

Rani & Co go down to Argentina 'B'

BUENOS AIRES: The Indian women's hockey team suffered its second consecutive loss on the tour of Argentina, going down 2-3 to the hosts' B side here. Salima Tete (6th) and Gurjit Kaur (42nd) scored for India while Sol Pagela (25th), Constanza Cerundolo (38th) and Agustina Gorzelany (39th) registered their names on the scoresheet for the home side.

AFC cancels under-16 meet featuring India

KUALA LUMPUR: The AFC decided to either cancel or postpone competitions, also featuring India, keeping in mind the safety of all stakeholders amid the pandemic. India were slated to take part in the AFC U-16 Championships, which was due to be held in 2021 after being rescheduled twice.

Lampard sacked by Chelsea

Manager Frank Lampard was shown the door by Chelsea after a sub-par run of results. Here's a look at his less than ideal last six months...

SPENDING SPREE

After a transfer ban, the Blues were one of the more active clubs in the market by spending money on Kai Havertz, Timo Werner, Ben Chillwell among others. The outlay meant that after a decent start to life, Lampard's objective had changed: deliver, or at the very least, challenge for the league title.

A WINTER DROUGHT

A nine-match unbeaten streak in the beginning of the season raised visions of a challenge. But that run quickly gave way to five losses in their last eight games. Considering a trigger happy management, that streak was always going to be frowned upon and so it proved as the former great was given his marching orders.

WERNER'S ISSUES

Even if the dry run eventually cost Lampard his job, his problems were summed up by the German's time thus far. He was expected to hit the ground but has so far disappointed, not scoring in any of his last 11 league games. That he has been played on the left wing only asked more questions about the management. That didn't help Lampard.

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Lampard was sacked after a run of five defeats in eight Premier League games to leave Chelsea floundering in ninth place in the table.

12,545
Frank Lampard gave 12,545 minutes of Premier League action to 11 different players aged 21 or younger during his time at Chelsea.

We are grateful to Frank (Lampard) for what he has achieved in his time as head coach of the club. However, recent results and performances have not met the club's expectations, leaving the club mid-table without any clear path to sustained improvement.

Chelsea FC statement

TUCHEL REPLACEMENT

If the rumours doing the rounds are to be believed, the hierarchy is targetting former PSG manager Thomas Tuchel to take over the reigns. The spiky German may rank highly not only because of his modern methods but also because the management desperately need Havertz and Werner, both Germans, to find some form after an indifferent form.

SYED MUSHTAQ ALI

Karnataka batting a worry ahead of Punjab clash

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THERE is not a single Karnataka batsman in the top ten list of highest run-scorers in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. Devdutt Padikkal, who lie 15th in the list, has been their best with 207 runs, but the likes of Karun Nair (81), Rohan Kadam (83) and KL Shrijith (59) have failed. Aniruddha Joshi (133) has hit one half-century, else the 33-year-old has also been a disappointment. Hence, heading into their quarterfinal against Punjab at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, batting is a big worry.

With it being the first official match at the venue, one is not sure as to how the pitch would behave. Irrespective, it is time for the batting department to deliver. More importantly, they have to convert their starts. Nair has got past 20 twice, Kadam has scored 30 plus two times. Head coach Yere Goud wants his players to make that start count. "I can't say batting is a weak link. Our batsmen aren't converting the stars. They have to turn those 20s to 70s. Also, one batsman has to look to bat through. If this happens, we have a good chance of doing well in knockouts."

Barring Devdutt Padikkal, others have failed with the bat

What makes it even more challenging for Karnataka batsmen is the quality bowling department in the opposition camp. The likes of Siddarth Kaul, Arshdeep Singh, among others can trouble opponents. Earlier, in the group game against Punjab, the defending champions only managed 125/8, and the team from North cruised to nine wicket victory. Karnataka were outplayed in all departments, but Goud is not too worried.

"This is altogether a different stage. Knockout games bring their own challenges. Also, we are playing on a different surface and in different conditions. So, it is a fresh contest and whoever executes their skills better will go through."

It would not be wrong to say that unbeaten Punjab come into the clash as favourites. They have come up with consistent allround show. If Kaul has scalped 10 wickets, openers Prabhsimran Singh and Abhishek Sharma have accumulated 277 and 197 runs respectively. Add Mandeep Singh, Gurkeerat Singh and Anmolpreet Singh in thier batting line -up, they will test Karnataka, who are without off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham due to split webbing injury on left hand. They will have to depend on spinners Shreyas Gopal and J Suchithwhile Prasidh Krishna and Abhimanyu Mithun hold the key with the pace department.

Live on Star Sports 1 from 7pm

LOCAL EXPRESS

DHRUV, THIPPA GUIDE VIJAYA CC TO FINAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Vijaya Cricket Club beat Cambridge Cricket Club by 129 runs to reach the final of the KSCA U-19 inter club tournament. Thippa Reddy (108) and Dhruv P (109) helped Vijaya manage 318/6 in 50 overs. With Arjun Nair, Arnav Pillutla scalping four and three wickets each, Cambridge were all out for 189 runs. Vijaya CC will meet Vultures CC in the final.

Deccan ease past Young Challengers

FC Deccan beat Young Challengers 6-2 in the BDFA Super Division League on Monday. If Sajeesh E scored a brace, Surya VK, Kaviarasan, Stalin Daneil and DM Antony were the other scorers for Deccan while Deepan Prakash and Anthony P found the net for Challengers.

Diganth, Anwesha score upset wins

Diganth M and Anwesha Dhar scripted upset victories in the boys and girls categories respectively in the opening round of KSLTA Talent Series here on Monday. Diganth beat fifth seed Anish Patil 6-1, 6-1, Anwesha sent fourth seed Sana Sesh Varadhamani home with a 6-2, 6-2 win.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Goalkeeper Albino saving grace for Blasters

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

THE performances of Kerala Blasters' Albino Gomes is a reminder that India has strength and depth in the goalkeeper pool. While Bengaluru FC keeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has been a bulwark at the back for both club and country, the recent struggles of the Blues team has opened up a window of opportunity for those in line.

Besides Gurpreet, Mumbai City skipper Amrinder Singh, who is India's second choice, has been enjoying one of his best seasons with the Islanders as he has kept eight clean sheets this campaign.

Beside these two, there are many other emerging keepers including Albino.

While breaking into the national team is a tall order, the Goan lad is unfazed by the competition and is clear in his mission to don the national jersey soon. "Yes of course, I want to break into the national team. That's the dream of every footballer in India. Right now, I'm focussing on the ISL and hopefully if I get the chance with a national team call-up, it will be great. I think the national coach (Igor Stimac) is watching all the matches and he will pick the best players. I will give my best and if he thinks that I'm performing well and deserves to come into the national team, then obviously I'll grab that opportunity," he said ahead of their match against Jamshedpur FC on Wednesday.

The start of the season was a different story for the Nuvemlad, though. Playing with his new teammates, Albino had looked shaky. Back in December, the 26-year-old faced a lot of stick for conceding a soft goal against FC Goa when he rolled the ball straight to an opponent, Igor Angulo. He didn't look and the Spaniard punished him for that lapse of concentration.

The towering goalkeeper didn't let that drag him down and it is a testimony to his character that he bounced back and started pulling off some match defining saves.

Albino Gomes has made second-most saves so far in ISL this term | SPORTZPICS

He has saved three penalties this season and also ranks second in the number of saves made. What makes it even more impressive is that he has done all this while playing behind a backline which has undergone constant changes due to injuries and suspensions. The Salgaocar FC product is high on confidence. "You gain confidence by playing match by match and that's how I gained the confidence. I also practice very hard," he said.

Blasters assistant coach Ishfaq Ahmed said that Albino has all the attributes to get into the Indian team. "Albino is doing great and whether he gets a call-up or not, that is up to the coach (Stimac). But I feel like he is up there. He has all the attributes to be a good goalkeeper. He has the height, he is a top shot stopper until now and hopefully he continues his form," said Ishfaq.

Recently, Stimac said he was concerned as not many Indian forwards were getting a chance to play in the ISL. But with the likes of Albino excelling, he may face a problem of plenty at the other end of the field.

Chennaiyin make a point

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AFTER playing some impressive football, Chennaiyin FC deservedly managed to secure a point against Mumbai City FC at the GMC Stadium on Monday. The game ended 1-1 as Mumbai took lead via Bartholomew Ogbeche (21') but Esmael Goncalves (76') penalty strike ensured both teams shared points.

Despite the draw, Mumbai have stretched their lead to six points at the top of the table with 30. The Marina Machans climb to fifth place with 16 points from 14 games.

In the lead up to the game, there were a lot of talks about how Chennaiyin were not able to find the back of the net. Their positive start showed that they were eager to change that record.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Austrians on Monday swapped their cloth face coverings for medical-grade FFP2 masks, now mandatory for those over 14 on public transport, shops and businesses, pharmacies as well as hospitals or medical practices. Austria is among the first European countries to make FFP2 masks mandatory.

Jab works against UK variant, says Moderna

As back up, company says it's testing second booster shot for strain found in South Africa, against which inoculation was less effective

MEDICINE

WASHINGTON: US biotechnology firm Moderna on Monday said lab studies showed its Covid-19 vaccine would remain protective against variants of the coronavirus first identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

But out of caution, the company will test adding a second booster of its vaccine -- to make three shots in total -- and has begun preclinical studies on a booster specifically for the South African variant.

"We are encouraged by these new data, which reinforce our confidence that the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should be protective against these newly detected variants," said Stephane Bancel, Moderna's CEO.

"Out of an abundance of caution and leveraging the flexibility of our mRNA platform, we are advancing an emerging variant booster candidate against the variant first identified in the Republic of South Africa into the clinic."

To study the impact of the existing vaccine, called mRNA-1273, Moderna took blood samples from eight people who had received two doses of the vaccine, and two primates that had also been immunized.

For the B.1.1.7 variant, first identified in the UK, there was no impact on the level of neutralizing antibodies -- which bind to the virus and prevent it from invading human cells -- that were produced by the shots.

But for the South African variant, B.1.351, there was a sixfold reduction in the neutralizing antibody level.

Even so, it remained above the quantity that was shown to be protective in earlier tests on primates that were infected on purpose.

The company, which carried out the studies with the National Institutes of Health, has submitted the study to a preprint server so it can be analyzed by the wider scientific community.

After the news broke, share of Moderna surged nearly 10 percent in the US.

No deaths directly linked to jabs: European experts

Despite dozens of deaths of people shortly after they were vaccinated against coronavirus, scientists say the evidence available so far does not incriminate the new vaccines. Health agencies stress however that the vast majority of post-vaccination fatalities were elderly, already vulnerable and often sick. The European Medicines Agency said that despite the deaths, "to date no specific concerns have been identified with Comirnaty", the commercial name for the Pfizer shot.

In setback, Merck halts vax progamme

MEDICINE

NEW YORK: US pharmaceutical giant Merck announced Monday it was halting work on two potential Covid-19 vaccines, but would continue to develop therapeutics to treat the deadly virus.

The two vaccine candidates "were generally well tolerated, but the immune responses were inferior to those seen following natural infection" and compared with other Covid-19 vaccines, Merck said in a press release.

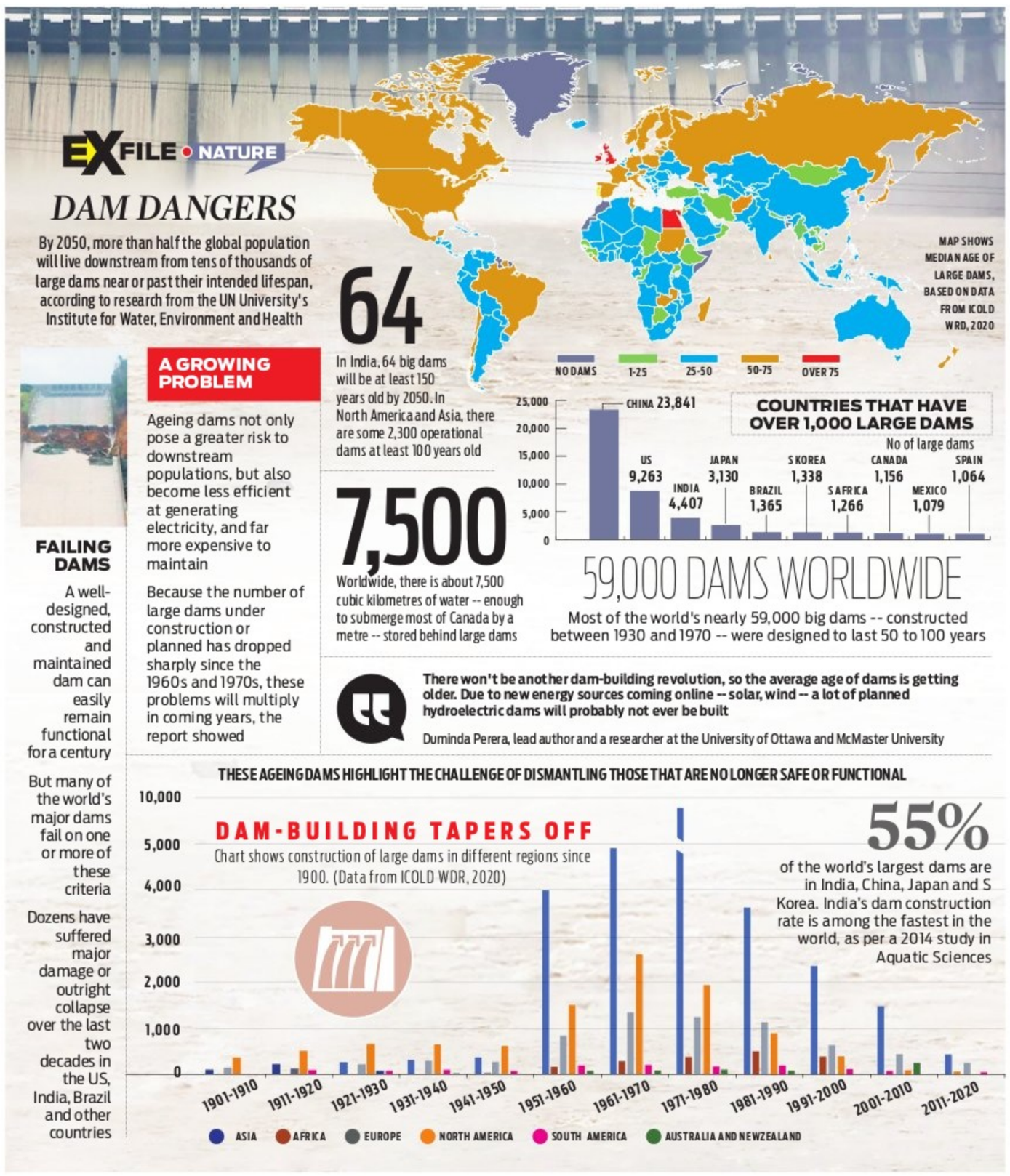
One of the candidates had been pursued in tandem with France's Pasteur Institute, which said it continues to research "two other vaccine candidates which use different methodologies."

The announcement is a setback for the global effort to contain Covid-19, which has accounted for nearly 100 million cases worldwide and more than 2.1 million fatalities.

There are currently seven vaccines circulating around the world.

The vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech (US-German) and Moderna (US) are dominant in North America, Europe, Israel and the Gulf.

Britain's AstraZeneca-Oxford is used in much of the UK and India, with the latter also using a vaccine by Bharat Biotech.



FACT OF THE MATTER

143 satellites launched

TECH

SpaceX on Sunday launched its Falcon 9 rocket carrying a record number of satellites on board, the private space company said. The rocket successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida at 10:00 am (1500 GMT), 24 hours after its initial take-off had been scrubbed due to bad weather. Andy Tran, a SpaceX production supervisor, said in a video of the launch that the Falcon 9 was carrying 133 commercial and government "spacecraft" as well 10 SpaceX satellites. "The most spacecraft ever deployed on a single mission," Tran said. SpaceX is flying Falcon 9 under a "rideshare" program through which other firms and governments pay the Elon Musk-founded company to deliver their technologies to space. SpaceX said all 143 satellites had been successfully deployed.

US leads AI race: Survey

RESEARCH

The United States is leading rivals in development and use of artificial intelligence while China is rising quickly and European Union is lagging, a research report showed Monday. The study by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation assessed AI using 30 separate metrics including human talent, research activity, commercial development and investment in hardware and software. The United States leads, with an overall score of 44.6 points on a 100-point scale, followed by China with 32 and the European Union with 23.3, the report based on 2020 data found. The researchers found the US leading in key areas such as investment in startups and R&D funding.

Earth losing ice faster today than in '90s

CLIMATE

LONDON: Earth has lost 28 trillion tonnes of ice between 1994 and 2017, according to a study which reveals that the rate at which ice is disappearing across the planet is speeding up.

The research, published on Monday in *The Cryosphere*, found that the rate of ice loss from the Earth has risen markedly within the past three decades, from 0.8 trillion tonnes per year in the 1990s to 1.3 trillion tonnes per year by 2017.

The team, led by researchers at the University of Leeds in the UK, is the first to carry out a survey of global ice loss using satellite data.

The researchers noted that ice melt across the globe raises sea levels, increases the risk of flooding to coastal communities, and threatens to wipe out natural habitats which the wildlife depends on.

The study shows that overall, there has been a 65 per cent increase in the rate of ice loss over the 23-year survey.

This has been mainly driven by steep rise in losses from the polar ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

"Although every region we studied lost ice, losses from the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets have accelerated the most," said lead author Thomas Slater, a Research Fellow at Leeds University.

"The ice sheets are now following the worst-case climate warming scenarios set out by the IPCC..."

JOINT MANOEUVRES

A large-scale military exercise involving the Army, Navy and Air Force in the Andaman & Nicobar islands | NAVY VIA PTI

Climate risk index says India 7th most affected country

CLIMATE

NEW DELHI: India was the seventh most-affected by the impact of climate change globally in 2019 according to the Global Climate Risk Index 2021 released Monday.

According to the report, flooding caused by heavy rain was responsible for 1,800 deaths across 14 states and led to the displacement of 1.8 million people. Overall, 11.8 million people were affected by the intense monsoon with the economic damage estimated to be USD 10 billion.

There were eight tropical cyclones in India. Six of the eight cyclones intensified to become "very severe." Extremely severe cyclone Fani affected 28 million people, killing nearly 90 people in India and Bangladesh, and causing economic losses of USD 8.1 billion, said the report by Germanwatch, a Bonn-based organisation.

Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Bahamas, Japan, Malawi and Afghanistan preceeded India in the list of countries most affected by the impacts of extreme weather events in 2019, it said.

Globally, between 2000 and 2019, over 475,000 people lost their lives as a direct result of more than 11,000 extreme weather events globally and losses amounted to around USD 2.56 trillion.

The report comes ahead of the Global Adaptation Summit hosted by Netherlands wherein UN secretary general Antonio Guterres is likely to call upon developed countries and donor agencies to increase funding to adaptation measures of developing countries.

Six of the 10 countries most affected from 2000 to 2019 belong to the low to lower-middle income category. Climate impacts affect people in developing countries disproportionately, threatening lives and livelihoods, the report highlighted, adding that international climate financing has remained inadequate. *ENS*

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG

Common gout medicine proves effective in treating Covid-19: Canadian research

MEDICINE

MONTREAL: A major clinical trial in Canada shows that an inexpensive anti-inflammatory drug called colchicine can significantly reduce the risk of complications and death from Covid-19, bringing "important hope" to sufferers, the lead researcher said Sunday.

Jean-Claude Tardif, head of the Montreal Heart Institute (ICM), led the study named "Colcorona," whose preliminary results were published Friday evening.

The complete results will be made public "as quickly as possible," he said during an interview with AFP.

Q: What are the main conclusions of your study, conducted on 4,488 patients throughout the world since March 2020?

A: The Colcorona study provided convincing results of a more than 20 percent reduction in hospitalizations or deaths related to Covid-19 with colchicine, compared to the placebo... When dealing with patients who have had a test that officially proves their Covid-19 diagnosis, the result with colchicine is even better, that is, a reduction of 25 percent in hospitalizations, 50 percent in need for a ventilator and 44 percent in deaths.

The hypothesis behind the study was that the reason patients develop complications from Covid is the exaggerated inflammatory response that a patient's white blood cells develop in reaction to the virus... Our intuition was that by using a drug like colchicine to reduce

this exaggerated inflammatory reaction, known as "cytokine storms," could prevent complications.

Q: Why do you think the results are so important in the global fight against the pandemic?

A: Colchicine is a powerful anti-inflammatory drug that has been known for a very long time, it was discovered 150 years ago. It's extracted from a plant called Colchicum autumnale and is used to treat various diseases such as gout, an inflammatory arthritis, and pericarditis among others.

The beauty of the study's results is that colchicine is already available in pharmacies, since it is used safely and inexpensively for many diseases... Our discovery won't just be useful in France, Canada and the US and G8 countries, but (also in) developing nations, poor countries, Africa, Asia will quickly benefit from inexpensive colchicine, which is taken orally in tablet form.

Our results bring important hope for patients, healthcare systems and governments. Finally, we are providing part of a significant solution to reduce hospitalizations and eventually reduce congestion in the hospital system.

Q: Scientists are waiting now for the complete results of your study, when do you plan to publish them?

A: We are submitting the manuscript to a major scientific journal today (Sunday). I obviously can't presume the publication date, the journal will do its work, it's one of the biggest journals in the world. We will share the rest of the results as fast as possible, possibly even before the final publication (in the journal). We are convinced that our results are conclusive, convincing...

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DAY'S DIARY

Gujarat earthquake

A massive earthquake occurred on this day in 2001, in Bhuj, on the Pakistani border. It was felt throughout much of northwestern India and parts of Pakistan

THE AFTERMATH

The magnitude of the quake was 6.9 on the Richter scale. In addition to killing more than 20,000 people and injuring more than 1,50,000 others, the quake left thousands homeless and destroyed a million buildings, and ruined crops

REBUILDING BHUJ

Several residents evacuated the city, and it took more than a decade to rebuild Bhuj. Now the city has an airport, several parks and thriving shops

JOB REVOLUTION

Near Anjar, a city that was devastated by the earthquake, the biggest towel factory in the world was set up by Welspun in just nine months. Its vast mechanised looms weave 2,50,000 towels a day

Nishvika on her role in Ramarjuna

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POGARU: Feb. 19

ROBERRT: March 11

YUVARATHNAA: April 1

SALAGA: April 15

FILMY FRIDAYS

Whether movie halls see full-houses or not, Sandalwood filmmakers are rolling up their sleeves to release their works, with the calendar getting marked right until May

After a dull 2020, there are many big-ticket films that are lined up for this year. This is a spill-over effect of last year. In order to ensure that there's no clash of films, the release dates have been evenly spaced, so as to not upset fans or anyone in the film fraternity
Surappa Babu, producer, *Kotigobba 3*

A SHARADHAA

There's loads of entertainment coming your way this year from Sandalwood as filmmakers are lining up back-to-back releases. With the pandemic blurring the year 2020, the Kannada entertainment industry is trying to forget the year that was, and instead, focus on 2021. And this is quite clear with filmmakers grabbing all available dates, so much so that the first half of the calendar looks blocked.

To begin with, Anissh's *Ramarjuna* will be the first commercial entertainer to hit the screens this week, and it will be followed with three films – Prajwal Devaraj's *Inspector Vikram*, Chandan Achar's *Mangalavaara Raja Dina*, and Vinod Prabhakar's *Shadow*, all releasing on Feb. 5.

While production house Hombale Films first announced the release of *Yuvarathnaa* on Apr. 1, the producer of *Roberrt*, Umapathy S, officially confirmed the release of the film on Mar. 11. However, the first big-star film will be Dhruva Saraja and Rashmika Mandanna-starrer *Pogaru* which is set to hit screens on Feb. 19. The film, which is being dubbed and released in Telugu and Tamil, will coincide with Rathasapthami.

Meanwhile, the producers of *Salaga*, *Kotigobba 3* and *Bhajarangi 2*, have locked their release dates too. The directorial debut of Duniya Vijay, *Salaga*, will hit screens on April 15. Sudeep's *Kotigobba 3* is gearing up for an April 29 release. Shivarajkumar's *Bhajarangi 2*, bankrolled by Jayanana's films, is looking to arrive on May 14.

KOTIGOBBA 3: April 29

BHAJARANGI 2: May 14

ON YOUR MARK...

Bengalureans are suiting up for the winter derby where the finish to the top appears nail-biting

ON TRACK

- Acaster 58 Darshan 7
- Christopher Wren 58 Srinath 1
- Forever Together 58 Suarj Narredu 2
- Lagarde 58 Akshay Kumar 9
- Sovereign Legend 58 Sandesh 8
- Antibes 56.5 John 6
- Forest Flame 56.5 Trevor 3
- Perfectimagination 56.5 T S Jodha 4
- Rambunctious 56.5 Neeraj Rawal 5

Day's Best: Watchmystars

JACKPOT: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
FIRST TREBLE: 3, 4 & 5
SECOND TREBLE: 6, 7 & 8

EXPRESS FEATURES

For horse-racing enthusiasts, the year 2020 turned out to be a dampener with the much-awaited summer derby being put off due to Covid-19. But 2021 has brought along a ray of hope with the year beginning on the right track with the winter Kingfisher Ultra Derby. After months of preparations, training and grooming, the finest horses will contend for the top slot on Tuesday.

Trained by Suleiman Attaollahi, there's much hope (and money) pinned on Forest Flame, trained by Trevor Patel, which is touted to win the blue riband in the Bengaluru winter derby. Giving Forest Flame some stiff competition are Antibes trained by Arjun Mangalorkar and ridden by jockey John, and Rambunctious trained by Pesi Shroff and ridden by jockey Neeraj Rawal. But going by past record, the race is hard considering four-year-old Forest Flame has been unbeatable in the last five races that she has run ever since hitting the track.

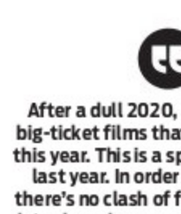
Winner of Bengaluru and Mumbai 2000 Guineas, Lagarde which has been ridden by jockey Akshay Kumar could even turn out to be the dark horse. Watchmystars from the stables of Irfan Ghatala will be ridden by Suraj Narredu and is considered as the day's best betting proposition in the card of eight events. The first race starts at 1.30 pm, and enthusiasts expect it to be a nail-biting finish.

Reality show star loses battle to depression

EXPRESS FEATURES

FORMER *Bigg Boss* Kannada contestant and actor **Jayashree Ramaiah** passed away due to suicide on Monday. Jayashree was a contestant in *Bigg Boss Kannada season 3*, and a Kathak exponent. She starred in a couple of Kannada films — *Uppu Huli Khara* and *Kannad Gothilla*.

Jayashree had been battling depression, and the actor openly spoke about it on her social media. The actor had caught the attention of many on July 22, with her post on Facebook that mentioned "I quit, Goodbye to this f*****g world and depression." However, she later deleted the post, and immediately put up another post saying, "I'm Alright and safe!! Love you all." (sic) Jayashree repeated the same when she went LIVE on social media and said, "I am not doing all of this for publicity sake. I am not expecting financial help from Sudeep sir. I am only expecting death because I am not able to battle depression. I am financially strong but depressed. I have been going through a lot of personal issues." A senior police officer said that Jayashree was being treated at Sandhya Kirana Ashram in Bengaluru, where she was found hanging.



(If you are aware of anyone facing mental health issues or feeling suicidal, please provide help. Sahai: 24-hour helpline numbers: 080- 65000111,080-65000222)

ON A HIGH NOTE

With cultural programmes steadily resuming post the pandemic, artistes from Kshiti School are seen rehearsing Bharatanatyam and Kuchupudi at Ravindra Kalakshetra on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CITY READ

Cycle rally in honour of soldiers and frontline workers

The members of Bengaluru Cycling Club are organising a 24-hour ride on Republic Day to honour soldiers and frontline health workers. The event will see participation of several randonneurs who have won numerous national and international accolades. Over 30 riders are set to be flagged off on the midnight of Jan. 26, from Vidhana Soudha. They will ride till Channarayapatna and return to Vidhana Soudha. The route covers a total of 300 km at an elevation of 2,300m.

Navy personnel run 4,400 km across India for a cause

Two youngsters from the Indian Navy are running an ultra-marathon from Kanyakumari to Kashmir with the intent of spreading awareness on fitness. Sanjay Kumar and Ram Ratan, who were in Bengaluru on Sunday, are covering the entire distance from the south to north, a stretch of almost 4,431 km, passing through 11 states, 91 cities and over a 1,000 villages in 56 days. The runners began their journey from Kanyakumari on Jan. 12 and are expected to reach Srinagar on March 8.

Back with a bang

With no space to rehearse for new plays, theatre groups are reviving crowd-favourite shows in the hope of attracting viewers

MONIKA MONALISA

It's seems like old times are back when seats for plays and live shows get booked completely. After much deliberation, theatre spaces are now trying to achieve this by reviving their classic productions. *Iti Ninna Amrita*, directed by MS Sathyu, is scheduled to be held at Ranga Shankara, while timeless classic, *Tughlaq*, is being brought back by the Samudaya Theatre Group.

Originally written by Girish Karnad, *Tughlaq* is scheduled to be performed live on Jan. 27 in Kolar and on Feb. 19 at Ravindra Kalakshetra. Malathesh HV, actor-director from the same theatre group, recalls the play that was first performed in 2013, and which has subsequently been staged over 80 times with each time seeing a full house. "Even if performance spaces have opened up, people still have some amount of apprehension to come. We are just hoping that these classics will bring the audience back to the auditorium," says Malathesh, who has been with Samudaya for around 15 years. Malathesh also adds that the other advantage of bringing classics back is that it gives many people who have missed a play in the past, an opportunity to watch it live.

Similarly, Bangalore Little Theatre, which turned 60 recently, is coming back with its popular plays like *The Anklet*, *The Tea house of the August Moon*, *The Would-be Gentleman* and more. "We wanted to do something special as part of our anniversary celebrations, so we are recreating our popular plays, which people still remember us for," says Sridhar Ramanathan, trustee and playwright of the theatre group.

When we talk about classics, MS Sathyu's work, Iti *Ninna Amrita*, can't be missed. It will be performed on Jan 26 and 27. It's a double whammy when the actor who is taking to stage is none other than Arundhati Nag. Performed for the first time in 2001, this play holds a special place for her as it was a fundraiser to build Ranga Shankara. However, the play continues to make an impression with theatre goers. "It's a play with timeless allure, a love story and lifetime that is shared through nothing but words. It's the power of the word that is important in the play. Like reading a novel, the milieu is left to the audience," says Nag, founder of the theatre space, which opened its doors after lockdown with *Karimayi*. Ask Nag about this trend, and she points to lack of rehearsal spaces during the pandemic. "However, in February we are come back with a new production," she says.

Even if performance spaces have opened up, the pandemic has made people apprehensive about coming to theatres to watch plays. We are just hoping that bringing back these classics on the stage will attract audience back to auditoria
Malathesh HV, actor-director

Stills from the play *The Anklet (left)* and *Tuglaq*

Now showing

- Iti Ninna Amrita: Ranga Shankara: Jan. 26
- Mysooru Mallige: Dr C Ashwath Kala Bhavana: Jan. 26
- Tempest: Ranga Shankara: Jan. 29
- Huchharayya Huchharu: Shankaraa Foundation: Jan. 31
- Tughlaq: Ravindra Kalakshetra: Feb. 19

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

STAYING FIT

Help your loved ones achieve their New Year fitness resolutions with gifting options from Boldfit. They have on offer a range of fitness gears, accessories and nutritional supplements.
Where: boldfit.in

SUNDAY SPECIAL

Lazy Suzy now has a weekend special menu every two weeks. The menu includes Mexican Egg Rancheros, cucumber, cream cheese and rucola on sunflower seed rye bagel, wild mushroom risotto and more.
Where: Lazy Suzy, Indiranagar
When: Every Sunday

LIVE MUSIC

The trio music band, Men in Blakc, known for their unique jazzy instrumentals, will perform a mix of Indi-pop, Bollywood and Hollywood chartbusters. **When:** Jan. 30, 7pm to 10pm
Where: The Quad by BLR, Opposite Arrivals, BLR Airport

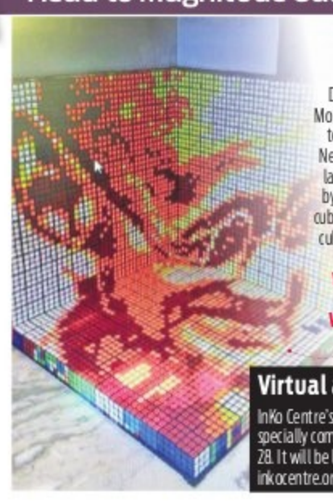
TASTE OF INDIA

Try out this special Republic Day brunch which has a little of everything from different cities of India.
Where: JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru
When: Jan. 26, 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Head to Magnitude Gallery to catch 'Rustic Hues', paintings that capture rural scenes. All through Jan., at No. 140/13, 27th cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar

Hello, hemp

One of The Body Shop's best-loved ranges has a new addition. And it's here to help you nourish ultra-dry skin. Say hello to their new Hemp Dry Body Oil. With less than 10 ingredients, Hemp Dry Body Oil is a simple formula which works hard to help leave your skin feeling intensely nourished and seriously smooth. Priced at ₹ 2,095. **Available at:** All The Body Shop stores



Paying tribute

Deccan Cubing, Hariology, Prithvi Mosaics and Team SCB will be coming together on January 26, at Forum Neighborhood Mall to pay tribute to late president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam by making Asia's largest 3D Rubik's cube mosaic with about 3,000 Rubik's cubes and the artwork will be about 6 feet tall.
Where: Forum Neighbourhood Mall, Whitefield
When: January 26, 10 am – 6pm

Virtual art show

InKo Centre's virtual gallery Prism presents A Porous Membrane, a specially commissioned virtual exhibition from January 29 to February 28. It will be launced at 6 pm. **View the exhibition on:** www.inkocentre.org

Yummy in the tummy

Making your Sunday yummy with the Dineout SteppinOut Food Festival. From ooey gooey brownies to smokin' hot kebabs and creamy pastas, there is something for every taste preference.
Where: UB City
When: Jan 31, noon onwards

Musical notes

Watch the 174th Vaidika Aradhana of Saint Thyagaraja, being held for the second time in Bengaluru. **Where:** Sringeri Shankara Matha, Shankapuram
When: January 29 to Tuesday, February 2

Republic Day special

STS India, a city-based cultural organisation, is hosting a virtual celebration for Republic Day. The event will feature online team games, puzzle solving, quiz, drawing competition, singing of patriotic songs and more such amazing activities.
For details: WhatsApp 9538952052

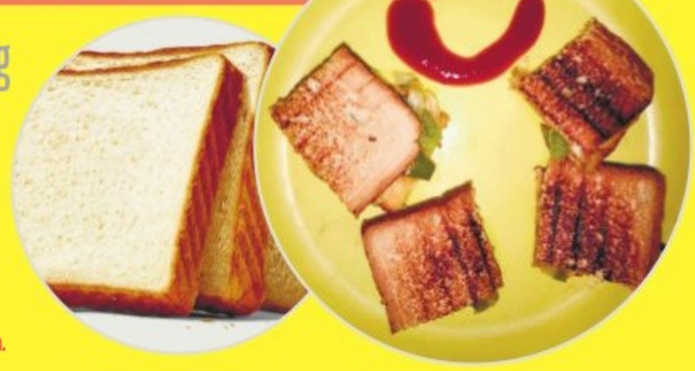
For the love of tea

VAHDAM India will have a Valentine's Day sale from February 4 to February 14. This Valentine's Day, give a gift of good health, wellness and strong immunity to your loved ones. VAHDAM India with its high quality teas.
Available at: www.vahdamteas.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.



CAB-CAP SANDWICH

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread:** Two slices ■ **Butter:** 1 tsp
- **Juliennes of fresh cabbage and capsicum:** 100 g each ■ **Salt:** half tsp
- **Chili powder:** 1 tsp ■ **Coriander powder:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Slice cabbage and capsicum into vertical slivers.
- Heat a spoon of oil. Add the veggies.
- Cook on a high flame and add the spices. Close the lid for two minutes.
- Let the veggies remain crunchy.
- Put butter in a sandwich maker grill and place the bread slices.
- Add the filling and grill it for three minutes. Serve hot with tomato sauce

— Rithvika Vinnakota, Hyderabad

SOUND BOARD

THINK FAST, TALK SMART

Communication is critical to success in business and in life. Join Matt Abrahams, a lecturer of Strategic Communication at Stanford Graduate School of Business, as he sits down with experts in the field to discuss real-world challenges.
- On Apple Podcasts

START-UP STORIES

Jonathan Moules talks to entrepreneurs about building successful brands, giving birth during a funding round, and rebuilding a reputation in the wake of bankruptcy. Real stories from those who've done it, from idea to exit.
- On Spotify

THE LIVELY PODCAST: NO MAKEUP NEEDED

This is a show for women with wild hearts and boss brains, interested in keeping it real about what it means to build a business, lean into the community, juggle it all, and make a solid impact along the way.
- On Apple Podcasts

SHE SAYS SHE'S FINE

She Says She's Fine is a women's health podcast hosted by popular gynaecologist, Dr. Munjaal Kapadia, whose mission is to bust the shackles around the patient-doctor hierarchy, and create a friendly, warm environment for his patients to be treated.
- On Stitcher

REVISIONIST HISTORY

Revisionist History is Malcolm Gladwell's journey through the overlooked and the misunderstood. Every episode re-examines something from the past—an event, a person, an idea, even a song—and asks whether we got it right the first time.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KHUSHI KHUSHIYAGI

Raj, who belongs to an affluent family, meets Priya at an event and is spellbound by her beauty. He loses her number, which leads to a string of confusions.
- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya, Nandini Rai

MR AIRAVATA

Airavata, a farmer who was wronged by a few corrupt police officers, decides to take matters into his own hands and joins the police force through wrong means.
- Cast: Darshan, Urvashi Rautela, Prakash Raj

JAANU

Siddarth helps Rukmini reach home when she runs out of money on a trip. Rukmini's family attack Siddarth, but welcome him after learning the truth. Both fall in love, but a surprise awaits them.
- Cast: Yash, Deepa Sannidhi, Rangayana Raghu

IDHU NAMMA AALU

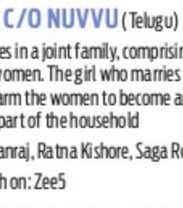
Gopalsamy, a poor graduate, pretends to be of a higher caste to end his financial problems. Problems arise when Banu falls in love with him and gets married to him without realising his real identity.
- Cast: K Bhagyaraj, Shobana, Manorama, JV Somayajulu

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE SURPRISING SCIENCE OF ALPHA MALES BY FRANS DEWAAL

In this fascinating look at the "alpha male," primatologist Frans de Waal explores the privileges and costs of power while drawing surprising parallels between how humans and primates choose their leaders. His research reveals some of the unexpected capacities of alpha males.



2 EMBRACE YOUR RAW, STRANGE MAGIC BY CASEY GERALD

Too often, we hide parts of ourselves in order to fit in, win praise, be accepted. But at what cost? In this inspiring talk, author Casey Gerald shares the personal sacrifices he made to attain success in the upper echelons of American society -- and shows why it's time for us to have the courage to live in the raw, strange magic of ourselves.

3 HOW GENERATIONAL STEREOTYPES HOLD US BACK AT WORK BY LEAH GEORGES

The Silent Generation, baby boomers, Generation X, millennials, Gen Z -- we're all in the workforce together. Social psychologist Leah Georges shows how we're more similar than different and offers helpful tactics for navigating the multigenerational workplace.

4 WHEN IS A PANDEMIC OVER? BY ALEX ROSENTHAL

A highly infectious, sometimes deadly respiratory virus infects humans for the first time. It spreads rapidly worldwide, and the WHO declares a pandemic. The death toll starts to rise and everyone is asking the same question: when will the pandemic end? Alex Rosenthal details the three main strategies governments can use to end a pandemic.

5 WANT A MORE JUST WORLD? BE AN UNLIKELY ALLY BY NITA MOSBY TYLER

A more equal world starts with you. Citing a formative moment from her own life, equity advocate Nita Mosby Tyler highlights why showing up and fighting for others who face injustices beyond your own lived experience leads to a fairer, more just future for all.

FIT BIT

CHAKORASANA

(MOON BIRD POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'chakora' means 'a partridge-like bird', and 'asana' means 'pose'. This advance pose requires the legs and hamstrings to be flexible enough to place one foot behind the head and the arms, core and shoulders to be strong enough to lift and support the entire body off the ground. It also tones the muscular and circulatory systems and gives the spine a boost of rich, oxygenated blood which stimulates the central nervous system and increases energy in all the chakras. It allows the chest muscles to engage and increases the fullness of the breath and oxygen in the blood. The circulatory system supplies this healthy blood to the body and filters toxins.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana (Staff Pose).
- Bend your right knee and hold your right foot with your left hand.
- Bring your right elbow under your right knee and lift your right foot further up.
- Hold your right calf with your right hand and bring your right knee behind your right shoulder.
- Now, rotate your right hip slightly and bring your right foot above your head.
- Push your chest forward and place your right ankle behind your head.
- Place both palms on the floor. Inhale and lift your body off the floor.
- Now, raise your left foot further up and bring it towards your forehead.
- Keep your back straight and balance your weight on your palms.
- You can stay in this pose for 3 long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, bring your body down and come back to Dandasana.
- Repeat on your left side for the same length of time.

BENEFITS

- Energises the body and mind.
- Regular practice strengthens the wrists and arms.
- Helps stretch the hip flexors.
- Helps improve core strength and sense of balance.
- Increases flexibility in the body.
- If you practise regularly, it stimulates the abdominal organs.
- Detoxifies the entire body.

LIMITATIONS

- Anyone suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, severe hip, knee or back injuries, should avoid this.
- Those suffering from diarrhoea, hernia or stomach ailments should avoid practising this pose.
- Women should not practise this pose during pregnancy.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)

In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana -- the quirky new cop in the town -- has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.
- Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

JOSEPH (Malayalam)

Following the death of his ex-wife, a retired police officer, who is known for his investigative prowess, unexpectedly gets pulled into a criminal case involving organ harvesting.
- Cast: Joju George, Athmeeya Rajan, Dileesh Pothan, Madhuri Braganza
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

WEEKEND (Kannada)

Set in the modern world, the story revolves around techies with employment and ones without. Among these two groups, a techie Ajay who is raised masterfully good by his grandfather Anant Ram, will be leading a happy life. But on a particular weekend a certain mysterious things starts to unfold around these two which will change their lives and others lives too.
- Cast: Milind, Sanjana Burli, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

KOLAMAAVU KOKILA (Tamil)

Kokila, who has financial issues, gets involved in a drug racket to earn quick money. Eventually, her family also gets dragged in the internal drug war which, in turn, puts their lives at risk.
Cast: Nayanthra, Yogi Babu, Saranya Ponvannan, Rajendran
- Watch on: Zee5

VIRUMANDI (Tamil)

A reporter researching the death penalty meets Virumandi and Kothala. While listening to their versions of the same story, she realises that Virumandi is being punished for a crime he did not commit.
Cast: Kamal Haasan, Rohini, Abhirami, Pasupathi
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

NENU C/O NUVVU (Telugu)

Vinay lives in a joint family, comprising mostly women. The girl who marries Vinay must charm the women to become an integral part of the household
Cast: Dhanraj, Ratna Kishore, Saga Reddy
- Watch on: Zee5

TANDAV (Hindi, series)

In New Delhi, a dark story about Indian politics and ambition unfolds behind closed doors and in corridors of power.
Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Krithika Kamra, Gauhar Khan, Sunil Grover, Sarah-Jane Dias
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

ENGLISH

HOME FRONT

After failing a mission, a DEA agent decides to go to a small town with his nine-year-old daughter to live a peaceful life. However, things do not go as planned when he crosses paths with a drug lord.
Cast: Jason Statham, Kate Bosworth, James Franco, Winnona Ryder
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

LAWLESS ISLAND (series)

Away from the humdrum of civilisation, a small group of individuals venture into a foggy future in Alaska. Bereft of modern conveniences, they learn to rely on the land, the sea and each other.
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

Enzo, a golden retriever, learns that the methods used on the race track by his owner, a Formula One driver, can also be used to navigate through life.
Cast: Milo Ventimiglia, Amanda Seyfried, Kevin Costner, Martin Donovan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

WANDA VISION

Living idealised suburban lives, super-powered beings Wanda and Vision begin to suspect that everything is not as it seems.
Cast: Elizabeth Olsen, Evan Peters, Paul Bettany, Kat Dennings
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

SUBSCRIPTION
Zee 5: ₹ 99 per month
Amazon Prime: ₹ 129 per month
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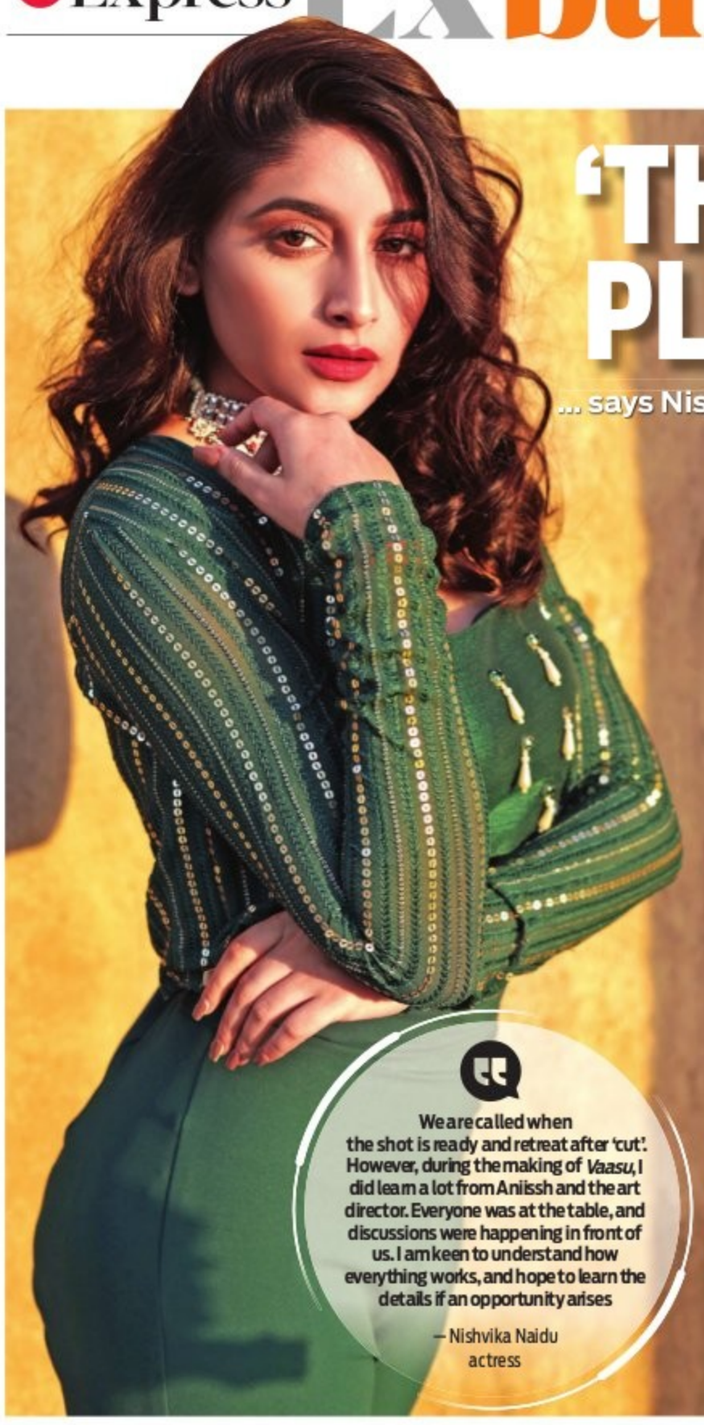

'THIS IS MY FIRST ATTEMPT AT PLAYING A LIGHT CHARACTER'

... says Nishvika Naidu, as she promises the audience a complete entertaining experience with *Ramarjuna*

A SHARADHAA

NISHVIKA Naidu is perhaps one of those few actors who prefer to be seen less. "I would rather have it this way than be seen in a lot of films, and not get anything out of it," says the actor, ahead of the release of her new film, *Ramarjuna*. "Even if I do one movie a year, I want my character to be remembered," she adds.

Ramarjuna will be Nishvika's next film after *Gentleman*, and it has her paired opposite Aniissh for the second time, after *Vaasu Naan Pakka Commercial*. She says it was the role offered to her that prompted her to pick up this project. "I said yes the moment I was narrated my portions, because the character I play this time is a little on a comic side, which will be the first attempt from my end," says Nishvika. Throwing some light on her role, she adds, "Everything she does is really funny, and even if she is trying to be smart, she ends up looking silly. The failing student who gets her way through -- that's the role I play in *Ramarjuna*."

Having worked with Aniissh in *Vaasu Naan Pakka...*, Nishika has seen the way he visualises a film. "I got to know that Aniissh is directing the film only later, as he kept it a secret from all of us till we reached the sets. However, even though he was just playing the lead in *Vaasu Naan Pakka Commercial*, I used to see him getting into other aspects of filmmaking. He would sit through the script, explain to me the character, and also discuss the technicalities in detail. That Aniissh will be directing this film didn't come as a surprise to me. And when I watched the rushes, I was like 'wow, he has met the expectations'. Secondly, our combination also worked in *Vaasu...*, and he picked me for this role in *Ramarjuna* thinking that I will do justice to it. Aniissh, in his first directorial, has made sure that every character gets equal space. Though I play the love interest of the hero, my role adds to whatever he is struggling through the film," she says.

Nishvika too likes to get involved in different aspects of filmmaking besides acting, but she rues that she does not get that opportunity. "We are called when the shot is ready and retreat after 'cut'. However, during the making of *Vaasu...*, I did learn a lot from Aniissh and the art director. Everyone was at the table, and discussions were happening in front of us. I am keen to understand how everything works, and hope to learn the details if an opportunity arises," she says.

Ramarjuna is a fun-filled story, with elements of thrill, comedy and family sprinkled equally. "This is the first commercial film coming out in 2021. I have missed watching movies in theatres, and *Ramarjuna*, for me as well for every cine-goer, will come out to be a thorough entertainer," she says.

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> — Nishvika Naidu, actress

A still from *Ramarjuna*

Hollywood treats all actors equally: Nalneesh Neel on *The White Tiger*

CE FEATURES

THE White Tiger tells the story of Balram (Adarsh Gaurav), an oppressed-caste boy who gets hired as a driver to a wealthy couple, played by Rajkummar Rao and Priyanka Chopra.

When Balram moves to Gurgaon with his new employers, he is taken in by his city peers. A constant presence is actor Nalneesh Neel, as the lead driver in Balram's apartment block. Identified only as 'Vitiligo' in the film, Nalneesh is a sly, funny presence, making fun of Balram's country-bred ways but also looking out for him. In a darkly comic scene, he explains to Balram how he won't die of malaria, but dengue will surely get him.

Nalneesh has previously appeared in films like *Gulabo Sitabo, Chhichhore, Bhor* and *Raees*. *The White Tiger* marks his first international venture.

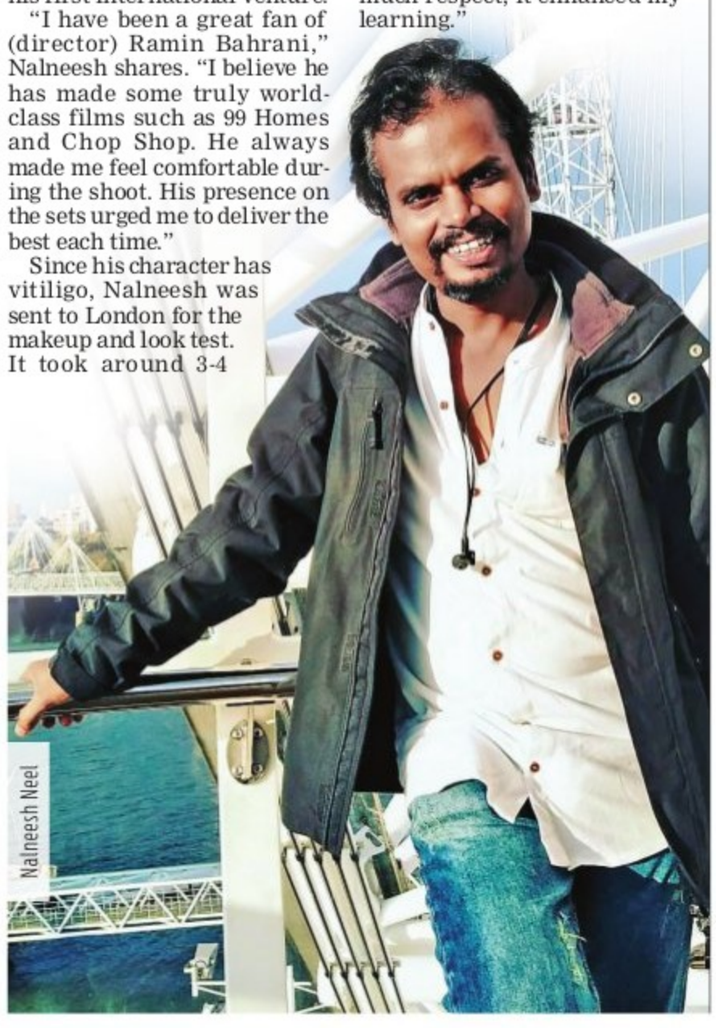
"I have been a great fan of (director) Ramin Bahrani," Nalneesh shares. "I believe he has made some truly world-class films such as 99 Homes and Chop Shop. He always made me feel comfortable during the shoot. His presence on the sets urged me to deliver the best each time."

Since his character has vitiligo, Nalneesh was sent to London for the makeup and look test. It took around 3-4 hours to achieve the look during the test.

"I'm essaying the head of all drivers, who assigns work to other drivers," Nalneesh says. "He trains Balram and influences him to dominate others and become cunning. My character basically teaches him to use his wit and escape from poverty."

He recalls director Ramin Bahrani praising him after the shoot. "The best part was that he praised my work and said, 'You don't know how much I love you in this film. You enhance the character and the film.'"

The experience, Nalneesh adds, has been hugely motivating. "This is my first international project and through this project, I got to learn the difference between working in Hollywood and Bollywood. The best part was all the actors were treated equally and got so much respect; it enhanced my learning."



Nalneesh Neel

Rukmini Maitra

Vidyut Jammwal, Rukmini Maitra to star in action thriller *Sanak*

CE FEATURES

VIDYUT Jammwal is set to star opposite Bengali actor Rukmini Maitra in his next. Titled *Sanak*, the upcoming action thriller will be directed by Kanishk Varma. It is produced by Vipul Amritlal Shah and Zee Studios.

Vidyut and Vipul had previously collaborated on *Force* and the *Commando* franchise. *Sanak* will mark their fifth film together.

A former model, Rukmini has appeared in Bengali films like *Chaamp, Cockpit* and *Kidnap*. Her last film, Switzerland, co-starring Abir Chatterjee, was released in 2020.

Sharing the poster of *Sanak*, Vidyut tweeted, "Brace yourself, something big is coming tomorrow. *Ab Sankegi!*"

The poster depicts an operation table splattered with blood, with a gun lying by. The tagline reads, 'Hope under siege.' According to reports, *Sanak* will be filmed on a big scale in exotic locations. Vidyut will jump into the project after wrapping up the *Khuda Haafiz Chapter II*.

Vipul Shah, meanwhile, is working on his web series debut, *Humans*. Backdropped on human trials in the pharmaceutical industry, the show is headlined by Shefali Shah.

Vidyut Jammwal

RRR MAKERS CONFIRM THE RELEASE DATE AS OCTOBER 13

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THE makers of *RRR (Roudram Ranam Rudhiram)* confirmed today that the period actioner starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR will be released in theatres on October 13, this year.

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Their announcement was welcomed by lead actors Ram Charan and Jr NTR, who are characterised by the elements fire and water in the film. Directed by SS Rajamouli, *RRR* co-stars Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn, Shriya Saran and Samuthirakani.

RRR also marks the debut of Hollywood actors Alison Doody, Ray Stevenson in Telugu cinema.

Produced by DVV Danayya, the film is nearing completion and recently, Rajamouli began shooting the climax sequence, an intense action sequence featuring Ram Charan and NTR.

Besides Telugu, *RRR* will also be released in Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam and other foreign languages.

Godzilla vs. Kong trailer out; promises an epic battle

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THE trailer of *Godzilla vs. Kong* has set the internet on fire. The two-and-half minute trailer effortlessly establishes the premise of the film, and it also promises some jaw-dropping action sequences between the two fictional beasts.

When *Godzilla* comes out to torment humans, mankind has no one else to turn to other than Kong. With the help of a little girl, who communicates with the monstrous ape, the war ensues between Godzilla and King Kong. However, it looks like the feud between the two has a long history.

Directed by Adam Wingard of Blair Witch fame, *Godzilla vs. Kong* features Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall, and Brian Tyree Henry in the pivotal roles.

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